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STATE OF MAINE.

To Albert S. Austin, Esq., a justice of the peace in and for the County of Oxford:

The undersigned, being desirous of becoming incorporated as proprietors, as a social club, hereby request you to issue your warrant to one of the undersigned, requiring him to call a meeting at such time and place as you may appoint, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine.

Lewis M. Brown and 24 others.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.

To Lewis M. Brown, Esquire, one of the foregoing applicants:

You are hereby directed to call a meeting of the applicants above named, to assemble at the residence of Mrs. Mira C. Snow, Main Street, in the village of Paris Hill, in said County, on Tuesday, the third day of October, A. D., 1899, at eight of the clock in the afternoon, for the purposes specified in the foregoing application, by publishing a copy of said application with this warrant thereon, in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris in said County, two weeks successively, the first publication to be at least fourteen days before said day of meeting.

Given under my hand and seal at Paris aforesaid this sixteenth day of September, A. D. 1899.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, (L. S.)
Justice of the Peace.

A true copy of application and warrant thereon.

Attest: LEWIS M. BROWN.

NOTICE OF SALE FOR TAXES.

Unpaid taxes on land of resident and non-resident owners, situated in the town of Byron, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1898.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Byron for the year 1898, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1898, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes, interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at the Town House in said town, on the first Monday of December, 1899, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner.	No. Lot.	No. Range.	No. Acres.	Value in Dollars.	Amount of Tax.
George Milliken,	7	5	100	$100	$3 80
" "	10	10	100	150	5 70
" "	12	10	100	100	3 80
" "	13	10	100	150	5 70
" "	14	10	100	100	3 80
" "	3	11	100	100	3 80
" "	9	11	100	100	3 80
" "	10	11	100	100	3 80
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" "	13	11	100	100	3 80
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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of CHARLES S. RUSSELL, Bankrupt, } *In Bankruptcy.*

To the HON. NATHAN WEBB, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

CHARLES S. RUSSELL of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents, that on the 28th day of April, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 2nd day of Sept., A. D. 1899.

CHARLES S. RUSSELL, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 8th day of Sept., A. D. 1899, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 20th day of Sept., A. D. 1899, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable NATHAN WEBB, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 8th day of Sept., A. D. 1899.

[L. S.] A. H. DAVIS, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:—A. H. DAVIS, Clerk.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

LILLA M. RAY, late of Paris,

in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 5th, 1899. GEO. A. WILSON.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

ORRIN R. STETSON, late of Canton,

in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 5th, 1899. EDWIN E. CALDWELL.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners within and for the County of Oxford:

Respectfully represents the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Greenwood, in said County, that common convenience and necessity do not require the further continuance and maintenance of the following pieces or parts of roads situated in said town, viz.: 1st commencing on the old county road leading from North Norway to Bethel at a point where the road leads from said county road to the house of J. F. Emmons, thence northerly to a point in said way opposite the house of Eben Wentworth, and they pray that so much of said way as lies between said points, be discontinued. Also commencing at a point in said old county road opposite the house of Willard Ames, and running thence north on said road to a point in said road opposite the house of Bartley Lyden, and they pray that the said road between two last named points or so much thereof as may be deemed advisable by your board, be discontinued. Also commencing at a point at the junction of the roads easterly of Sheepskin Pond, thence northerly on the westerly branch and on the road leading around on the easterly shore or side of Twitchell Pond, to the junction of this road with the highway near Daniel Cole's, and they pray that all of said road between said last named points be discontinued.

Dated at Greenwood this 31st day of Aug., A. D. 1899.

E. W. PENLEY, RANSOM COLE, L. P. BRYANT, } Selectmen of Greenwood.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss:

Board of County Commissioners, Sept. session, 1899.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the Mt. Abram House, Locke's Mills, October 31, 1899, at nine of the o'clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Greenwood in said County, and also posted up in three public places in said town and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat a newspaper printed at Paris in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

A true copy of said Petition and Order of Court thereon.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

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WILD HORSES MUST GO.

CATTLEMEN AND SHEEPMEN MONOPOLIZING WATER AND PASTURAGE.

Gradually, but surely, the great herds of range horses on the interior plains of Washington, Idaho and Montana are being driven to the wall. Several causes are working together to depopulate the bunch grass ranges of the vast herds of wild horses that have hitherto roamed there. Briefly stated, says the San Francisco Chronicle, these causes are the increased demand for irrigable lands by settlers and the purchase or lease, followed by fencing of great areas of range lands by cattlemen and sheepmen. The latter are swiftly fencing in the springs, creeks and ponds that form the water sources which are vital to range industry.

These facts denote a new era in the development of western sheep and cattle raising, increasing production and putting the industry on a more solid basis. It ends the indiscriminate pasturage of cattle, sheep and horses over immense areas of the northwestern states. It means the confining of the cattle and sheep to lands that can be acquired, fenced and made more productive, and the general extinction of horses.

The latter are being moved off the ranges by the tens of thousands. Those left are forced to eke out a precarious existence on the dry pasture lands left by the cattle and sheep herders, where they may die of thirst in the summer or starve to death in the winter, with no one to mourn their end.

While the cattle and sheep men have in effect combined against their common enemy, the range horses, it is no less true that cattlemen look askance at the steadily increasing numbers of sheep pastured in the open range country. For, while the natural increase of the bands of sheep is rapid, tens of thousands more have moved to the northwest from California. The sheep are profitable from the first year, since the two principal crops, lambs and wool, coming in May and June, are salable within the fiscal year, while the herds of cattle must be maintained three or four years before profitable returns are possible.

It is due to this fact that cattlemen commenced purchasing and fencing the range lands several years ago, and the sheepmen, as a matter of self protection, have followed suit.

The need and demands of the sheepmen for wider pasturage have caused the industry and its custom of occupying the open ranges to be officially recognized by the United States government in its measures for policing and protecting the great forestry reserves recently set apart in Washington and Oregon. The government's primary object is to prevent forest fires, which greatly injure the watersheds. On condition that they use the utmost precaution to prevent any fires, the sheepmen are permitted to drive their bands into rich pasture lands on the mountain slopes of these reserves. The forest supervisors have divided the reserves into districts for the various bands, the limits being marked by streams, ridges and other natural boundaries. Several million sheep will be pastured in the reserves of Washington alone this summer. While sheep are high in price the industry will continue to flourish, and in any event for many years to come immense bands of cattle and sheep will no doubt continue to occupy the great northwestern ranges.—Exchange.

PLAIN TALK FOR SOME FARMERS.

Farmer Slack, you know that it costs more labor to keep in repair that hedge fence than it would to clear it right off and burn up to rubbish, and put down some good cedar or red oak posts with three strands of barbed wire; then your cattle will stay put, and you will feel safe as to your fields of corn.

You know that it pays better to keep good stock than scrubby ones; that it is cheaper to keep them in a thriving than in a lean condition.

You know that much of your land needs underdraining, and yet you neglect it year after year.

You know that greater crops with less labor may be raised on a few acres well tilled, than many acres half tilled; and yet you cling to your acres, do any amount of muscle work and little brain; raise enormous weed land crops and stinted grain crops; pay great taxes, and lose the interest for money expended for land yielding hardly half a crop. You know that this is neither profitable to yourself nor good for the neighborhood. You have no right to be a mere *cumberer* of the ground. If you cannot till all your ground, sell one-half of it and raise more on the half that is left than you had been accustomed to do on the whole, and save the taxes and interest on your money.

You know that agricultural papers and agricultural societies may be of great use to the farmer, and yet you can't afford to take an agricultural paper, but borrow your neighbor's, yet you will lay out $5 for tobacco in a year, and I guess this is a low estimate for some who chew and smoke.

You know that your seed corn ought to be selected in the fall from the stalk; and yet in the spring you have to go to the crib for corn to plant.

You know that if you will keep out of debt, pay *down* for the things you buy, you will never be in danger of the sheriff, besides obtaining your purchases at several per cent discount; and yet every year you run in debt at the dry goods store, the grocery store and the blacksmith shop, and at new year pay with an "I promise to pay at interest from date."—Correspondent of Maine Farmer.

A writer in the Farm Journal gives the following advice in regard to feeding horses: Straw will do for horse food, but it is constipating. Look out for it. Clover for horses has been tabooed for years by horsemen, and many poorly informed persons still refuse to use it, but the number who prefer it clear and in part for horses' hay is steadily increasing. Clover for horses needs to be well cured in the cock and should then be cut and wet before feeding. Few feeds will make a horse more plump and sleek. I am satisfied that ground feed fed on cut hay—wet—is the best and most economical feed for work horses. For horses that are worked on a walk, two parts oats and one part rye ground together have been found very satisfactory. In cold weather a little corn meal may be used, but we do not like to feed much corn to horses.

WEST INDIAN CATTLE.

Some of the stockmen who have recently visited Cuba and Porto Rico have expressed their surprise at the large size of the native cattle, there having been no attempt made to improve them by the use of bulls of the best breeds. It must be remembered, however, that the abundant supply of highly nutritious pasturage throughout the year, and the mild winters of the West Indies permit the calf to grow to maturity without any check. This alone is enough to account for the large size attained by range cattle on those islands. The native stocks in Texas have degenerated from taxing the ranges too heavily and from the stunting effect of winter on young stock. With the food and climate which the Porto Rico cattle enjoy they ought to be large.—Live Stock.

CARE OF HOGS.

Fatten the hogs before the mercury drops to zero. Better start in August, even if a little grain must be bought until the corn is ripe. It will pay. The weather for the next three months is, as a rule, moderate. If hogs are fed as much as their stomachs can digest and utilize, about 35 per cent is first used for heat and body energy in temperate weather. In extremely cold weather they will use about 60 to 70 per cent for heat and energy. This will depend much upon the age and condition of the animal.

We also learn from experience to fatten with rapidity. Different feed stuffs are required. Corn is the principal one for the solid ration. Shorts, bran, cottonseed meal are very good for the protein they contain, and a small portion of rye will fatten rapidly if fed aright.

Never feed liquid and solid feeds at the same time, for the animals will swallow the solids unmasticated. Feed at least an hour apart. Some advocate giving the feeds separately, but one directly after the other. This is a safe rule for hogs which are not being fattened, but for hogs which are to be fed to their full capacity the practice is wrong.

If hogs are given their fill of some feed, then slop immediately afterward, they can drink but very little slop without overloading their stomachs and causing disordered stomachs for a few days. It will take careful feeding for perhaps a week to bring them back to a normal condition.

Keep the pens clean, not allowing filth heaps to produce disease germs. Also avoid damp sleeping places. Do not care for the hog according to its name, but give care as though it were the horse, and if attended thus it will return the greater profit of the two.—Correspondent American Agriculturist.

TESTED HIS STRENGTH.

Charley M. was at home from college, spending his summer vacation. The M.'s were people fairly well to do, and Charley was passing the forenoon very comfortably on the cool and shady veranda.

Down by the barn yard fence, in a neglected place, a crop of strong, healthy weeds had sprung up and flourished under the summer sun. Left unmolested in the rush of work on the farm, they were fast becoming a blot on the otherwise orderly premises, and that morning Charley's father—the "old man"—had sallied forth and was now making a vigorous assault upon the patch.

Suddenly he left off his work and came up into the yard. Taking a broomstick which happened to be leaning against the veranda, he laid it on the grass, then turned to Charley and said:

"Git down here and see if you can pull me over that stick."

He held in his hand a small chain, in each end of which was inserted a stout stick to serve as a handle. Then the tug began and developed into quite a spirited contest. But at last Charley succeeded in dragging the old man across the line.

"There, that'll do," he said, dropping his end of the chain. "I guess you've got strength enough to pull them weeds down there by the barn."

"I never said a word," said Charley, telling the story afterward, "but before noon there weren't any weeds left standing."—Youth's Companion.

WHAT THE SILO HAS DONE FOR A DEXTER FARMER.

A visit to the farm of Mr. O. T. Percival of Dexter, will convince any man that there is money lying hidden in the silo. Mr. Percival has been a prudent, hard-working man for many years on his farm but came to the decision a few years ago that he would have to farm differently or sell and work out by the day.

His farm was then cutting about twenty tons of hay. He got interested in the silo question and built two silos of 100 tons capacity each, and it is these two silos that have enabled him to increase his stock within the the last few years from eight or ten head to thirty-five and forty head. This year he has cut fifty tons of hay and oat fodder and will have 200 tons of ensilage which is cut in his own cutter and carried into the silo and comes out as good as it goes in.

Mr. Percival plants the ensilage corn mostly; this year has eight acres planted in rows three feet and a half apart, and is about ten feet high on an average. He also has some very good stock in the way of high grade Holsteins and Jerseys.—Maine Farmer.

CLIPPINGS.

The price of starch has not been so high for ten years as it is now, which is pleasing to the many owners of Aroostook's big potato crop.

Paragrene is the name of a newly introduced insecticide. It is placed on the market as an improved form of Paris green. It is a powerful poison, claimed not to injure the plant, and costs less than the usual form of Paris green.

The Columbia (Mo.) Statesman tells of a neighbor who has a Poland-China sow four and a half years old which in January found eighteen living pigs and raised them all. On June 15 she found another litter of fifteen and is raising them.

For those who like honey, and that includes almost everybody, there is nothing that pays better than a little time devoted to caring for bees. It's mighty nice to go out now and take out a section full of honey, just any time you need it.

At an experiment in England it was found that a herd of thirty cows gave a profit of fifteen dollars a week more when the temperature of the barn was kept at 63° than when it was kept at 52°. It pays to give the cattle comfortable quarters.

He who plants trees should know what he plants them for, and should prune and trim them accordingly; the man who cannot care for what he has does not deserve it. This is true whether he has trees, shrubs, or children. Like a good many other things, pruning and training are never too late to do good.

Successful management of the calf lies at the very foundation of stock raising, and there must be no slack in attention or watchfulness. Scouring, the bane of calf rearing, indicates indigestion, and results from over feeding, irregular feeding, giving food too cold, or permitting the young animal to get chilled or wet.

As a general rule the smaller the flock the greater the returns that will be obtained from the feed and care given the sheep. On nearly every farm a small flock can be raised without extra expense, as they will consume much feed that would otherwise go to waste. About the only time they require particular attention is when the weather is stormy in winter or early spring. If a shed is provided for them they will take pretty good care of themselves.

Hogs are advancing in value. There is a sharp demand for them both at eastern slaughter houses and at the Chicago yards. This is good reading to growers everywhere. While the hog crop in Maine is not large as compared with the corn states of the Mississippi valley, yet even here an advance will be hailed with pleasure. Hogs at five cents dressed weight do not net the grower here in Maine very handsome money.

Louisiana should be a paradise for the stock feeder. The Sugar Planter tells how oats may be sown in November so as to give good pasture in February. Bermuda grass is cut until December, and again in May, while cane tops are good until January. Another great food stuff is waste molasses. Mules have been known to consume ten to twelve pounds of this molasses, day after day, for months. With all that sweetness, such mules certainly should never kick.

PATIENCE WITH THE LIVING.

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone
Beyond earth's weary labor,
When small shall be our need of grace
From comrade or from neighbor;
Passed all the strife, the toil, the care,
And done with all the sighing—
What tender ruth shall we have gained,
Alas, by simply dying?

Then lips too chary of their praise
Will tell our merits over,
And eyes too swift our faults to see
Shall no defects discover;
Then hands that would not lift a stone,
Where stones were thick to cumber
Our steep hill path, will scatter flowers
Above our pillowed slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both thou and I,
Ere love is past forgiving,
Should take the earnest lesson home—
Be patient with the living;
Today's repressed rebuke may save
Our blinding tears tomorrow,
Then patience, e'en with keenest edge,
May whet a nameless sorrow!

'Tis easy to be gentle when
Death's silence shames our clamor,
And easy to discern the best
Through memory's mystic glamor,
But wise it were for thee and me,
Ere love is past forgiving,
To take the tender lesson home—
Be patient with the living.

—Boston Watchman.

THE WARNING OF MARY VINCENT.

By W. R. Rose.

Mary Warned Henry Tennis Against Making a Bad Investment, Whereupon Henry Warned Mary of the Evils of Single Life.

The young girl paused at the door. Then she frowned impatiently and turned the knob. As the door opened she found herself in a plainly furnished room, the floor covered with linoleum, the walls hung with maps. There were three long windows at the upper end and in the right hand wall an open door.

"Is that you, George?" a voice called from the inner room.

Mary Vincent did not reply. She felt all her reluctance come back to her.

"Why don't you answer me, George?"

There was the sound of a chair pushed back, and then a tall young man stood in the doorway.

"I—I beg pardon," he cried as he stepped forward. "I thought it was my somewhat tactiturn office boy. Please take a chair."

Mary Vincent bowed gravely and sat down. At the actual encounter with this formidable young man her courage seemed to return.

"You are Mr. Henry Tennis," she said, half interrogatively.

"At your service," he answered and bowed.

"My name is Mary Vincent," she murmured. If she had expected he would look surprised, she was disappointed. There was a little pause.

"And to what do I owe this visit?" he courteously asked.

The girl hesitated.

"For me," she said with an effort, "this is a very disagreeable mission." She looked toward the open door of the anteroom.

"We are quite alone," said Tennis.

"I have come," said Mary in a low voice, "to warn you against my father."

"Your father?"

"My father, Abner Vincent."

"Go on," said Tennis.

"He has told us, my mother and me, that you were to let him have $20,000 to advance one of his schemes. Do not give him the money. The scheme is a visionary one. My father is a romancer."

She paused and moistened her lips.

"My mother and I thought you should be warned. We felt that your youth and inexperience appealed to us. Do not give my father the money." She paused again. "Of course this warning will be held confidential?"

"Sacred," said Tennis.

Mary arose to go.

"One moment," he added. "May I ask how your father happened to talk this matter over with you?"

"He has a habit of boasting," said Mary. "He is always on the verge of some great fortune winner. He told us that with your money his latest scheme could be launched. Sometimes we feel sure he is only romancing. This time his details were too perfect to admit of doubt. He told us so many particulars about—about you."

"May I ask what he said?" inquired Tennis gravely.

"You will not feel offended? He said you were young and quite inexperienced, that you had just come into a lot of money, that you were flinging it carelessly right and left and that you would never miss the sum you had promised him."

"Are you quite sure I am the person he meant?" added Tennis.

"Quite sure. Mr. Henry Tennis, in the Mohican building."

"And your father looks upon me as a lamb, eh?"

"I think I understand what you mean. Yes. He said—I want you to clearly appreciate the light in which he regards you—that you were, to use his own rather rude expression, 'easy picking.'"

Tennis laughed softly.

"Thank you very much, Miss Austin," he said and extended his hand. She placed her own—a little reluctantly—in it. "I assure you I appreciate the sacrifice you have made. Your warning will not be wasted. I am sure I shall profit by it in more ways than one. Good day."

As her graceful form disappeared in the elevator cage Tennis turned back into his office.

"Well, by Jove!" he murmured. He slowly resumed his seat at his desk and pulled the directory to him. In a moment he had found this name:

"Vincent, Abner; promoter. Res. 2120 Millside avenue."

Then he carefully copied the address on a card.

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Six weeks later Abner Vincent and his wife and Mary were sitting on the porch of their modest little cottage. It was early twilight, and the shadows were deepening beneath the vines and the maples.

"I can't understand it a bit," Abner was saying in his fussy little voice. "Here's young Tennis been coming round more'n a month every night or two and pumping me all about that new aerostatic company until I guess there isn't a fresh question left for him to ask me. Seems perfectly satisfied, too, but somehow he fails to put up the $20,000. By George, if he doesn't come to time pretty soon I'll give some other fellow the chance, or I'll bring out one of my other schemes. But I want Henry Tennis. It isn't his money alone—I want his name."

"Are you always so particular about the names of your—your victims?" asked Mary with a sarcastic intonation she couldn't suppress.

"Mary," said her mother in a soothing voice.

"Victim!" repeated her father querulously. "Henry Tennis a victim. I guess not. Why, there isn't a shrewder or more successful invester on the street. If Henry Tennis goes into a thing, there's money in it. And from the very start, from the very moment he sent for me to come to his office, he's seemed all wrapped up in my latest idea. But he doesn't put up the money."

"Father," said Mary, trying hard to control her voice, "what did you mean by saying that Mr. Tennis was young and inexperienced and a reckless prodigal?"

"Did I say that?" queried the old man.

"You did," replied Mary, a ring of indignation in her voice; "you said he was 'easy picking.'"

"Well, that," shuffled Abner, "was just a figure of speech. I must have said it before I really knew him. But hush, I think he is coming up the street."

Henry Tennis stepped lightly through the gateway, hat in hand.

"Good evening, all," he cried with the easy air of an old friend. "Ah, Mr. Vincent," he added, "if the ladies will excuse us, I want just a word or two on business with you."

"Certainly," cried the little man, bustling up. "This way, Mr. Vincent," and he led the caller into a lighted apartment.

It wasn't a long interview. When the men came back to the porch, Tennis did not take the chair that was offered him.

"Perhaps Miss Mary would enjoy a little stroll," he said, looking toward the dark corner of the porch where the girl's white dress faintly glimmered.

"I guess she would," said the father, and there was a nervous energy in his tone that seemed quite unusual.

The girl hesitated. Then he arose and fetched her hat, and the two went down the street together.

"Miss Mary," said Tennis presently, "I want to confess to you that I am an arrant fraud. I have been coming to your home on the pretense of business with your father—for it was a pretense. Can you guess what really brought me? Mary, when you went out of my office that eventful morning I made up my mind that you shouldn't go out of my life. Will you be my wife?"

The girl was silent.

"Put your hand in mine, dear, if it means yes."

"And now," said Henry a moment later with an ecstatic sigh of satisfaction, "and now for another confession. Do you know that up to the day you came to see me I had never even heard of your father?"

"Henry!" cried the startled girl. "Was it all father's romancing?"

"I guess it was. But when his romancing ended mine began."

"How undutiful you must have thought me, how forward! But father had angered me so. And—and my warning was all thrown away?"

"Thrown away!" cried Tennis. "Not a bit of it. It warned me of the utter emptiness of a bachelor's selfish life. Why, my dear girl, there's nobody looking!"

And on the porch Abner Vincent was saying in his querulous voice:

"I never was so disappointed. When he told me that it was Mary and not the company, you could have knocked me down with a feather."

"She loves him," said the mother softly.

"She'd better!" cried Abner. "She'll never get another such chance. And the $20,000." He paused and sighed. "Did I tell you how he intends to invest the $20,000."

"No," said the mother.

"He's going to settle it all on Mary."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE DOORBELL.

It Tells What Manner of Man You Are by Your Ring.

Doorbells are pretty fair indicators of character. Probably you have not been conscious of it, but every time you pull a doorbell you register what manner of man you are. Your ring will not tell everything about you, from the color of your eyes to your taste in flowers, but to those who know the signs the doorbell is as good as a title page. Any one who has had occasion to answer bell pulls knows how much difference there is in them. One person's method varies little from time to time, though the difference between that method and somebody else's, while slight, will be sufficiently well marked. It is seldom that two rings are exactly alike.

The housewife recognizes each, the impatient man, who pulls the bell twice in quick succession and does not wait long before trying it again; the one of more phlegmatic temperament, whose ring is slower and more substantial; the hesitating woman, who draws the knob out in a succession of nervous jerks; the seedy individual with matches to sell, who stretches the wire carefully to its full length and then allows it to relax with a faint, apologetic tinkle, and the jolly friend, who knows he is welcome, and therefore grasps the knob with a hearty swing that is fairly eloquent with good nature, and sets the bell to shaking its sides with such peals of echoing laughter that it positively cannot stop at once, but subsides gradually with a merry, irrepressible little titter. A doorbell has as many voices as visitors.—Berlin (Md.) Herald.

Chinese Bound Feet.

The Chinese saying is, "For each pair of bound feet there has been a whole kang, or big bath, full of tears," and they say that one girl out of ten dies of foot binding or of its after effects. When I quoted this to the Italian mother superior at Hankow, who has for years been head of the great girl school and foundling establishment there, she said, with tears in her eyes:

"Oh, no, no! That may be true of the coast towns." I thought she was going to say it would be a gross exaggeration in central China, but to my horror she went on, "But more here—more—more."—"Intimate China," by Mrs. A. Little.

THE GREEDY CATFISH.

His Eating Capacity as Wonderful as His Hold on Life.

The catfish belongs to an ancient type not yet fully made into a fish, and hence those whose paired fins are all properly fastened to the head, as his are not, hold him in well merited scorn. He has no scales and no bright colors. His fins are small and his head and mouth are large. Around his mouth are eight long "smellers," fleshy feelers, that he pushes out as he crawls along the bottom in search of anything

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South Paris,	Sturtevant's Drug Store.
	Shurtleff's Drug Store.
Norway,	Noyes' Drug Store.
	Stone's Drug Store.
Buckfield,	Alfred Cole, Postmaster.
Fryeburg,	A. F. Lewis, Insurance Office.
Paris Hill,	Mrs. Harlow, Post Office.
Bryant's Pond,	H. J. Libby.
West Paris,	Samuel T. White.

COMING EVENTS.

Sept. 26, 27, 28.—Fair of Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society, Canton.
Sept. 26, 27, 28.—Fair of West Oxford Agricultural Society, Fryeburg.
Sept. 27.—Fair at Hunt's Corner, Albany.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Your Fall Suit.
Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.
Notice of Sale.
Farm For Sale.
Horses bought, sold and exchanged.
Probate Notices.
Seven Notices of Appointment.
Two Notices in Bankruptcy.
Millinery.
Wanted.
Watch Found.

NORWAY.

The hotels and boarding houses have been well patronized during the week.

The long-looked for rain has at last come and apparently in abundance.

County Attorney Elmer E. Richards of Farmington was in town the last of the week looking up a pauper case.

Lt. Col. E. F. Smith, who is in command of Co. D, 1st Regiment, N. G. S. M., has the necessary number of mustered men for the proper organization of the company and has made report of the fact to the adjutant general. Now will come the pull for the positions of captain and first lieutenant, both offices being vacant. All elections will soon be ordered.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Smith of Bridgton visited his father, James Smith, during the week and attended the fair one day.

Very many of Norway's former residents visited the place during the week. Once a year they find their way home, and all are much pleased with their annual visit.

Wednesday evening "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" was presented at the Opera House before a large attendance. The singing and acting were of the very best.

Jona Whitehouse claims to be the only living charter member of the agricultural society which was chartered in 1856. He is still strong and smart.

The Oxford County Shoe Store will close out its stock of boots and shoes. Mr. Faunce who has had charge of the store for several years will accept a position with Mr. Swett in the Smiley Shoe Store for the winter. The store occupied by the Oxford County Shoe Store will be leased to Thomas Smiley, who will move his dry goods establishment from the Noyes Block. The store will be closed in about two weeks it is understood.

The shoe shop and village schools closed Thursday and all hands attended fair. Nearly all were caught in the rain but enjoyed the day greatly.

Saturday forenoon the matter of State vs. Joseph Rose and Aaron D. Forbes was tried. Respondents were fined by the judge of the Municipal Court $5 each and costs. They were charged with unnecessarily failing to provide their horses, twelve or fourteen, with proper shelter and protection from the weather. They have, during the fair, camped on the "jockey grounds" in Oxford, and during the storms kept the horses hitched to trees with no protection. E. F. Smith for state; W. F. Jones for respondents.

The following have appeared before the Municipal Court with the following results:

B. S. Fogg of Oxford, intoxication. Sentence suspended.

John Meader, vagrancy, 30 days in jail.

E. L. Judkins, intoxication, fined $5 and costs amounting to $17.95.

Daniel W. Lord of Paris, intoxication, 30 days in jail. Sentence suspended.

Charles Lapham of Paris, intoxication, 30 days in jail. Sentence suspended.

George Boullier, intoxication, fine $5 and costs. Did not pay, and went to jail for 30 days.

Chas. Benson of Poland, for sale of liquor to D. W. Lord, $50 and costs.

A. J. Parker of Bridgton, sale of intoxicating liquor, $50 and costs. Appealed to S. J. Court.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hutchins of Fryeburg were in town during this week. They stopped at the Elm House and attended the fair.

M. P. Smith, son of H. D. Smith, is at home from Boston sick. Mr. Smith went to Boston Saturday in response to a telegram informing him of his son's sickness. He was threatened with an attack of appendicitis. He is some better, and may not be obliged to submit to an operation.

Alice Smith and Bertha Holmes have entered Colby College, where they went this week.

Grace Bicknell resumed her studies at Colby this week.

Mr. Frank S. Parsons of Boston is visiting friends in town. He has a position in the fire department.

Wm. H. Whitcomb is in town for a short visit. Mr. Whitcomb is now engaged in business in Philadelphia.

A. S. BEAN.

Alpheus S. Bean one of the leading business men of Oxford County, died at his home in West Bethel, Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the age of 55 years, from Bright's disease. He had refused to give up work, and kept at it, until he was absolutely forced to take his bed.

Mr. Bean's death means a great loss, to the community in general and particularly to West Bethel. In every way Mr. Bean was the dominant influence of his village. He owned the mills, the store, the large stable and also in places in the section controlled other large interests in the lumber line. By his industry and square dealing with all men he was able to accumulate considerable property, all of which has been wisely invested. Mr. Bean has been a gracious citizen to his native place. Scarcely a year has passed that he has not made some donation to West Bethel village, either in improvement of streets or its public buildings. His principal gift was a new edifice for the Union church society, and another beneficence was a set of concrete sidewalks.

One of the landmarks of the village is a great stable where he has kept nearly a hundred horses for use in his large lumbering operations. Two-thirds of the men in the village worked for him. The village post office was in his extensive general store. He also owned a large boarding house.

Mr. Bean owned a large amount of property, and was one of the wealthiest men of the county—by many considered the wealthiest one.

MOVING ALONG.

ONE OF THE CANDIDATES MAKES A GAIN IN THE QUAKER RANGE CONTEST.

Start your candidate.
Send in your ballots.
Now is the time to begin if you want the range.

The vote this week stands as follows:

Mary Hammond Shaw, Paris,	2240
Blanche G. Dean, South Paris,	1880

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Roberts, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Sunday School every Sunday at 11 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason of Auburn visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mason, during the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Atwood of Buckfield spent the day Friday at Mr. George M. Atwood's.

The Misses Brown leave on Tuesday morning for New York. Old Brick will be closed for the winter the last of this week.

Misses Ruth and Marguerite Stearns are attending school at South Paris.

The buildings of the Col. A. S. Austin stand, recently purchased by Mr. H. W. Lyon, are receiving a coat of paint, which improves their appearance much.

Horace N. Robers is attending school at Hebron Academy.

Capt. A. M. Beattie and wife from Lancaster, N. H., visited Mrs. E. H. Jackson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shurtleff of Portland are visiting Mrs. E. H. Jackson this week.

Hon. Edward L. Parris of New York has recently purchased the Farrar place on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Atwood of Buckfield were in town Friday.

Miss Blanche Stanley, of Newton, Mass., is a guest at O. A. Thayer's.

Loren B. Merrill goes to Quincy, Mass., this week to make arrangements for the erection of an overhead cable and car for conveying the stone in connection with the mining operations at Mount Mica. The blasting at Mt. Mica is now done by electricity and immense quantities of the ledge are lifted at each blast.

Forty-one new books have been added to the library of the Universalist Sunday School, mainly from the proceeds of a recent entertainment, though a few were contributed by Mrs. Jackson.

Concert and ball at Academy Hall Friday evening next, by Shaw's Orchestra. For particulars see posters. Concert at 8 oclock.

The night of the play, "Masques," an olive green felt table scarf, with embroidered garnet plush ends, was lost either at the hall or on the street. It belonged to Mrs. Cullen L. Carter, and she will suitably repay the finder if it is returned to her.

BUCKFIELD.

Russell Pratt of Buckfield is the son of a Revolutionary soldier. How many others are there in Oxford County or in Maine?

Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin of Bangor was the guest of friends in town Saturday, the 16th.

Hon. Edward L. Parris, Mrs. Parris, Miss Marion and Master Bunt of New York were in town Saturday, the 16th.

Rev. S. D. Richardson, of Hebron, supplied both the Baptist and Methodist churches Sunday, the 17th, forenoon and afternoon.

DeWitt Clinton Harris, one of our aged citizens living with his son at East Branch Farm, died Sunday, the 17th, aged 83 years.

ROXBURY.

As Joseph Reed was looking for his sheep in the woods back of Mr. Locke's pasture he came upon a very large bear. Mr. Reed was looking down for tracks and got within a rod of one bear before seeing him. He stood with his forefeet on a log looking at Mr. Reed, probably reckoning up how many meals he would make. Mr. Reed allowed that one of them ought to move out and as Bruin showed no disposition to leave, Mr. Reed left without stopping to say good day. After putting quite a distance between them, Mr. Reed looked back and saw that the bear had not moved.

Mr. Reed has lost half his sheep, Mr. Locke has several. Those dandies who took off the bear bounty are not held in great esteem here. Not a trap has been set for bears this year.

Mr. Locke spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Hebron.

Susie Stanley is with friends in Dixfield for a week.

Mr. Stowell of Dixfield was here on business a few days ago.

NEWRY.

The proverbial equinoctial storm materialized this fall, giving us a fine rain.

A telephone line is being constructed from Bethel to Rumford Falls with an office at Newry Corner.

Quite a large party have gone from this town to attend the fair at Andover.

Will Decker is working for Mrs. Mary Littlehale. Her daughter, Maenette, who was called home from her school in Errol, N. H., by her father's sudden death, will not return to complete the term.

HEBRON.

There was a large attendance to the county fair from this way.

Work on the new dormitory and grounds is going on fast. The building now makes quite a show.

We hear there are 175 students attending the fall term. The largest number ever here.

Harlan Harden is at home from Beverly, Mass., for a short vacation.

Mrs. Eunice Coy Keene, whose father was pastor here many years ago, has been visiting friends here the past two weeks.

Mr. Hibbs has about two acres of fodder corn, some of it standing 14 feet high.

Charles Marshall has some fodder corn 12 feet high. It shows that some things have grown this year as well as weeds, but crops generally are very light.

OXFORD.

The village schools are in session with the following teachers:

High, Mr. Teague; assistant, Miss Stone.
Intermediate, Miss Foster.
Primary, Miss Perkins.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, pastor of the M. E. church at Mechanic Falls, exchanged with Rev. Mr. Buchanan on Sunday.

Mrs. Clapp of Belfast is still holding meetings at Advent Hall.

Mrs. Sarah Dunn and Miss Emma Dunn of Portland have been visiting their relatives here.

Mrs. Gould and her children of Skowhegan and Miss Cummings visited their sister, Mrs. Miles French.

BYRON.

Bears are killing the sheep in this town. J. E. Shaw has lost several, and A. S. Young recently found the remains of a nice sheep killed by bears in his pasture near the road.

Mrs. Jotham Shaw has been quite sick, but she is able to ride out and goes to see Dr. Proctor of Weld each week.

Several in town have taken out a license to shoot deer, but thus far we do not learn that any have been taken.

Rev. J. T. Johnson, who went from this town to Florida some thirteen years, since and who has been engaged in mission work in that state, preached at the Centre school house, and at Roxbury, Sunday, the 10th, inst. A full house and attentive hearers, and a very interesting sermon.

G. T. Hodsdon and wife from Peru visited his son and daughter in this town lately.

Potatoes are very good this year, hardly any rot to be found. Some have theirs dug.

Bone Jackson is mining here again this season. He found a large nugget of gold recently, it is said.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Nostrand of the Parmacheenee Club, who are spending their vacation at Camp Caribou, were called by telephone Tuesday night to Bangor to attend the funeral of Mrs. Van Nostrand's father.

The guides of the Parmacheenee region have given $50 to help F. A. Flint, who is much out of health, to go to the Maine General Hospital for treatment.

Perley Flint and Ernest Bennett are down from the lake while Mr. and Mrs. Van Nostrand are at Bangor, and will join them in Rangeley early the coming week.

The grain crop has turned out well in this section, also potatoes which are of an excellent quality.

FRYEBURG.

Rev. R. H. Abbott left on Monday for a few weeks' vacation, and his marriage will take place before his return.

Mrs. Augusta Osgood Carter of Beverly was here for a few days to meet her cousin, Miss Hannah C. Osgood, who left on Monday to assume the duties of matron in one of the families at the industrial school at Hallowell.

Mrs. Abby Kelley started for her home in Saginaw, Mich., the same day.

Mr. Timothy Walker of Quincy, Mass., and his daughter, Mrs. Patterson, are visiting relatives here.

John Henry Weston is at home from Holyoke, Mass., for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchins are at Norway this week.

Misses M. Barrows and E. Goodwin have been at the White Mountains for a few days.

Misses Harriet Pike and Abby Smith have gone back to Waltham, Mass.

Mr. John Page has returned from Portland.

Mr. Richard H. Osgood of Columbus, Ohio, is visiting his friends in this, his native place, and is stopping at Mr. Enoch Chase's.

Mrs. Stephen Gordon is visiting Mrs. Hannah McKenney. Dr. Gordon is on his homeward voyage.

Miss Nora Shedd and Dr. Byron McKeen were married on Wednesday evening.

The district schools began on Monday in charge of the same teachers—Miss Foss, primary, in No. 1 school house, and Miss Harriet Abbott at No. 2.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Albion Merrill of Denmark met with an accident to his team Saturday morning. He had left it hitched to a tree at the depot. The horse became frightened by a train, ran away, and smashed the buggy and harness.

Fred Fitch, wife and daughter, of Sebago, are visiting Mrs. Fitch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Hill.

Frederick Johnson of Waltham, Mass., is visiting A. F. Johnson and family.

James Perry of Parsonsfield conducted the preaching services at the Day school house last Sunday.

Annie L. Shackford of Kezar Falls is spending a few days with Jas. H. Durgin and wife.

G. M. Sanborn has received his line of fall and winter hats and caps. Lamson & Hubbard styles from Boston.

The 3:29 P. M. train to Portland has been discontinued for the winter.

Mrs. O. A. Perkins has gone to Boston this week to select her fall and winter styles of millinery.

Jacob Spring and wife of Dedham, Mass., are visiting C. E. Spring and family.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Waltham, Mass., gave an entertainment in the grammar school house with his gramophone, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of a set of cyclopedias.

The W. C. T. U. gave a supper and entertainment last Saturday afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. Hiram Gatchell, for the benefit of the library association. Supper was furnished for all who wished at 10 cents. The evening entertainment consisted of reading, singing and piano solos. The receipts amounted to $6.

The leaves are turning color fast, and soon the mountains will be a thing of beauty.

Last Tuesday evening the Mt. Cedar Lodge, D. of R., of Snowville, N. H., paid a visit to Pearl Lodge, D. of R. The visiting lodge worked the Rebekah degree upon two candidates, after which an informal talk was had. The lodge and their guests then adjourned to the adjoining dining rooms, where a bountiful supper was partaken of, and a social time was had. It was nearly midnight when the last goodnight was spoken.

Mr. Hiram Gatchell is again under the weather, caused by a touch of the grippe.

E. G. Giles has returned to Bowdoin College, where he will continue his studies.

John Graffam has gone to New York state, where he will be employed to pack apples the coming winter for shipment to Europe.

Miss Jennie Cole, who has been visiting relatives and friends here, has returned to her home in Boston.

The rain of the past week has been what was needed, as the wells, streams and ponds are very low. It has been years since Burnt Meadow Pond was so low. We could stand a week of steady rain.

Sunday night the post office and G. M. Sanborn's store were observed to be filled with smoke, and was thought to be on fire. Mr. Sanborn was notified, and on going to the office it was found that the draft in the stove had been closed, filling the building with smoke.

Charles Hill is having the foundation put in for his board saw that he is going to put into his mill.

There were four loads of cans passing through this village, going to the Fryeburg corn shop, from the South Hiram one.

At the regular meeting of Daniel A. Bean Post, G. A. R., holden last Monday, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a camp fire some time in October.

Hiram Seavey has just added one dozen and a half new tune sheets to his list of gramaphone records.

BROWNFIELD.

About forty members of Mount Cedar Rebekah Lodge of Snowville, N. H., by invitation visited Pearl Rebekah Lodge, No. 90, of Brownfield Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served from 6 to 8 in Odd Fellows' banquet rooms to more than 100. Then all repaired to the hall where the degree was conferred on two candidates.

Miss Linna Frink, who has been taking a two weeks' vacation in Massachusetts, has returned home.

Mrs. Wm. Rowe is visiting her children in Massachusetts.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Waltham, Mass., gave a gramophone concert at the grammar school house, the proceeds to be used to purchase a cyclopedia for the school.

EAST SUMNER.

The county fair, as usual, brought us the greatly needed rain. The fair should have been in August.

Corn packing has closed, and the pack is far beyond all expectations, reaching nearly 450,000 cans at East Sumner, and it is generally of fine quality, too.

Osgood & Rainville's Entertainment Co. gave a very satisfactory performance on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the hall. The few that attended were well pleased, and pronounced it one of the best. The place has been so duped in the past by cheap shows that a really good one receives poor patronage.

All roads lead to Canton this week, and the people are there, and the oxen and steers also. Peanuts and cheap jewelry abound.

LOVELL.

Mrs. J. W. Holt of Charlestown, Mass., is visiting at C. K. Chapman's.

The annual session of the York and Cumberland Christian Conference began at the Christian church at Lovell Centre Thursday afternoon, and will continue through Sunday.

The Christian circle was entertained on Tuesday by Mrs. J. L. Parker.

Rev. Mr. Werren returned to Boston Wednesday.

The last of the sweet corn was ordered in to the shop Thursday. There has been a large amount put up.

NORTH ALBANY.

The school began in this district Monday, taught by Miss Kate Foster of Bridgton.

Leslie Kimball and Orin Eames have gone to Stark, N. H., to work.

Mrs. Abbie Grover of Berlin, N. H., is visiting at her brother's, Brice Kimball's.

Archie Wilber has hired with Irvin Beckler for some months. He and Mr. Paine are sawing poplar on the Hastings lot.

The young folks finished work at the corn shop Monday.

NORTH PARIS.

H. C. Heath and wife of Bangor visited friends in town last week.

C. R. Lawrence of Lawrence called on friends here last week.

Geo. R. Drake, of West Medway, Mass., is in town.

Miss Gertie Rice of Norway has been visiting at Dea. Dunham's.

Clifton Dunham has been at home on a two weeks' vacation. A young lady from Vermont came with him.

BETHEL.

A goodly number of Bethel people attended the Norway fair.

Work is progressing finely upon the Grand Trunk station, and the improvements will be greatly appreciated by the traveling public.

The heavy frosts shortened the canning season here, and the shop closed Tuesday.

Mr. Samuel Felt is finishing the repairs upon the Woodbury buildings.

Miss Mary Cummings was called to Massachusetts by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Greenlaw, who has since died.

Friday morning a little son of Mr. Lincoln Cummings was out playing with several other children and fell into a drain where the water was quite deep. The cries of the children attracted the attention of Mr. Herrick, the night operator at the Grand Trunk station, who rescued the little fellow just as he was going down the third time. It was a very narrow escape from drowning.

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. O. M. Mason and final arrangements were made for attending the state convention.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Varley have returned from their vacation, and services were resumed at the Congregational church Sunday morning.

Miss Maud Mayo has been here arranging a class in elocution in connection with Gould Academy.

Ellery Park, Esq., and Mr. Geo. Harding have returned from a business trip to Dubuque, Iowa.

Professor W. Scott Wight is making arrangements for a singing class, and old and young are invited to join. Mr. Wight will begin his festival work later in the season.

Born, in Bethel, Sept. 16, to the wife of John Yates, a daughter.

The Bethel Federation of Clubs met Friday afternoon. Reports from the several clubs were given by the secretaries and presidents. Mrs. A. E. Herrick was chosen delegate to attend the State Federation. The Bethel Federation will soon give an "evening," to which their friends will be cordially invited.

WEST PARIS.

A large number of our people attended the fair on Thursday.

A. S. Dunham of Danville has been in town this week.

Mr. Moses Kimball and wife of Avon, Mass., visited friends here this week.

Mr. A. J. Ricker has returned from his visit to relatives in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Mr. Charles Hammond of Berlin, N. H., has been visiting friends here.

E. R. Berry and wife of Roxbury visited relatives here this week, also attended the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Burnham of Gilead have been here this week making preparations for moving to Athol, Mass. Their many friends will regret their departure.

Mr. Randall Taylor visited at E. H. Brown's on Wednesday.

Mr. B. B. Dennen, who was stricken with paralysis last May, passed away on Wednesday, the 20th. He was a member of Monami Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Mechanic Falls, also of Onward Rebekah Lodge of this place. He was postmaster here during two terms of Cleveland's administration. The funeral services were at the F. B. church on Friday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Leard officiating. A good delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were present and assisted in the services. Mr. Dennen was a great sufferer and was most kindly cared for by his loving, devoted wife, assisted by friends. Mrs. Dennen has the sincere sympathy of all in her sorrow.

HIRAM.

Mr. Arthur Flye has sold his farm, the John A. Warren place. Mr. Evans O. Allen will use it as a poultry farm, having sold his stand at East Hiram to Mr. John B. Osgood.

Miss Ethel Huntress, Miss Florence Spring and Miss Blanche Spring are teaching their second terms in the Spring, Wadsworth and Durgin districts with their usual ability and success.

Col. Joseph F. Twitchell started Monday for a vacation, and hunting tour at Norcross, but was taken ill at Portland, and returned home.

Dr. Thurston of Boston is boarding at Mrs. L. W. Hubbard's.

Mr. Walter H. Cutter, of Dedham, Mass., Mrs. Helen West and Miss Grace G. West, of Providence, R. I., Miss Emily H. Sweet of Dorchester, Mass., Miss Barbara Sutherland of Boston, Miss Dorothea Fick and Mr. Donald G. MacKenzie of Brooklyn, N. Y., are boarding at Eli C. Wadsworth's.

Mr. Isaac E. Osgood is recovering from his severe illness.

Messrs. A. & P. B. Young canned 300,000 cans of sweet corn.

Llewellyn A. Wadsworth went to Portland Monday to bring home the body of Charles Hill, son of Mrs. Augusta E. Hill, and the late Charles W. Hill of East Hiram. He died at the Maine General Hospital Sept 17th, aged 16 years. The primary cause of his illness was a kick from a horse six years ago, breaking the skull over the right ear. He has had fits ever since, until a recent surgical operation at the hospital. A water tumor was found in the brain. The brain being decayed, hence a fatal result. Charlie was a good boy, an only child and much respected. Rev. J. G. W. Herold attended his funeral Wednesday.

WEST BETHEL.

Alpheus Shaw Bean, one of the leading traders, and a large manufacturer of spool stock, shook, etc., died at his home in this place Wednesday morning. Mr. Bean has been of a persevering nature, and a man of much ambition and energy of character, and though beginning with but little or no capital, has amassed a large fortune, and will be much missed in the community. Mr. Bean leaves a wife but no children.

Nathan A. Stearns of Grover Hill was in this neighborhood Monday on business.

E. G. Wheeler has sold all his sheep and lambs to Fred Ordway of Gilead.

Eben E. Chapman, formerly of Gilead, now of South Paris, was in this place this week.

H. G. Mason did the fair at South Paris last week.

HARTFORD.

I suppose there has been rain up in Greenwood.

Adelbert Alley, while hauling a load of sweet corn to the factory, the forward axletree broke and he was thrown under the horse's feet. He was kicked quite seriously, having three ribs broken.

Last Thursday Otis Haskell saw a big black bear in the road near the residence of Stillman Gurney. This is not the first bear that has been seen in that vicinity.

GREENWOOD.

Stanton Cole was knocked down and run over by a team at the cattle show last Thursday, laming his knee and hurting his face somewhat and the wonder is that he was not injured more seriously. Somebody was driving altogether too fast for safety in such a place and ought to have known better.

One day last week Mrs. Arthur Tracy was left alone on the place for a while and when her husband returned he found her under an apple tree several rods from the house, in an unconscious state. He carried her to the house, and finally restored her by the help of stimulants. It was an attack of heart disease with which she has been troubled at intervals for several years.

Charles Hall died very suddenly at the residence of Jesse Daniel last Wednesday. He underwent the amputation of his right leg, below the knee, on the first day of August and Dr. Packard was there dressing the wound which had nearly healed, when he expired. Funeral at the house Friday afternoon; divine services by Rev. Clarence Gardner of Wyoming. The remains were taken to South Paris for burial.

Our Jonathan says that when it rains as it did last Wednesday and also Thursday in the afternoon, the best place to hold the fair is by the hand, or round the waist, and in the sitting room.

FARM FOR SALE!

Two and one-half miles from Norway village, containing 50 acres of nice land, well divided into tillage and pasturage, nice buildings connected, good barn cellar, running water in house, living water in pasture, nice variety of fruit, cultivated berries, within one-half mile of stores, post office, grain mill, and one of the best locations in Oxford County. Cause of selling, broken down health. For particulars call on or address,

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A fresh carload each week, prices low, terms easy.

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Call and see us. Correspondence solicited.

P. S.—I will pay a fair price for some good big work horses.

Notice of Sale.

Pursuant to a license from the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public auction, on Thursday the 26th day of October, A. D. 1899, at one o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises, in Sumner, the following described real estate, viz.: a part of lot numbered ten in the fourth range of lots in said town, beginning at the west bound of the county road leading through said lot, at a point thirteen rods north of the south line thereof; thence west parallel to the lot line to the meadow; thence southwesterly on the division between meadow and upland to the south line of the lot; thence west to a stake and stones about four rods to the west of the creek running through the lot; thence north to the center of the lot; thence east to land formerly owned by John Briggs and sold by him to Hermon Proctor et al; thence southerly to a stake and stones on the division between upland and meadow land, said stake and stones being on the center of the south half of said lot; thence east to the road; thence southerly by said road to the bounds first mentioned; said west, north and east courses being parallel to the lot line; containing fifteen acres of meadow land more or less

Dated this twenty-first day of September, A. D. 1899.

VALORUS WHITE,
Executor of the estate of Ruby Harden.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of
SEWELL PARKER, of Paris, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Sewell Parker, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1899, the said Sewell Parker was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, Sept. 23, 1899.

GEO. A. WILSON,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of
JACOB W. DRESSER, of Albany, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Jacob W. Dresser in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of September, A. D. 1899, the said Jacob W. Dresser was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 11th day of Oct., A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, Sept. 23, 1899.

GEO. A. WILSON,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of Oct., A. D. 1899, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

OLIVE E. GRISWOLD, late of Paris, deceased. Will and codicil thereto presented for probate by Loretta J. Brock, the executrix therein named.

WILLIS E. PIKE, late of Buckfield, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Georgiana Pike, the executrix therein named.

DANIEL M. GAMMON, late of Paris, deceased. Petition for appointment of James S. Wright as administrator presented by William Gammon, brother.

LYDIA J. RIDLON, late of Porter, deceased. Petition for appointment of Emily J. Danforth as administratrix presented by said Emily J. Danforth, a creditor.

JOHN P. PLUMMER, late of Sweden, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Angella M. Palmer, administratrix.

CHARLES CROCKETT, late of Sumner, deceased. First and final account presented for allowance, also petition for distribution of balance in hands of administrator presented by James J. Abbott, administrator.

RAY A. CHAPMAN of Paris, minor. First account presented for allowance by Albert H. Andrews and Ellen Curtis, trustees.

ORELANA F. TAYLOR, late of Canton, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by George W. Moore, administrator.

FRED S. GLOVER, late of Sumner, deceased. Final account presented for allowance by Anna B. Glover, administratrix.

GEORGE H. DAVIS, late of Canton, deceased. Account presented for allowance by Lucy A. Davis, executrix.

ORIN J. LOVEJOY, late of Roxbury, deceased. First account presented for allowance by Frank H. Lovejoy, administrator.

CAROLINE A. BURNHAM, late of Dixfield, deceased. First account presented for allowance by Jenette W. Sheehan, administratrix.

SUBMIT K. STEVENS, late of Paris, deceased. First and final account presented for allowance by Alva Shurtleff, executor.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of

MAHALA CUMMINGS, late of Woodstock, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 19th, 1899. J. W. CUMMINGS.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

JOSEPHINE H. NEWMAN, late of Dixfield, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 19th, 1899. JOHN S. HARLOW.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of

GRANVILLE M. WHITEHEAD, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 19th, 1899. SADIE M. WHITEHEAD.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

ELLEN M. GRAY, late of Denmark, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 19th, 1899. GEO. W. GRAY.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

JANE RICHARDS, late of Byron, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 19th, 1899. STILLMAN A. REED.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

ELLEN C. HERRICK, late of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 19th, 1899. GEO. A. WILSON.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of

WILLIAM WOODIS, late of Greenwood, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept 19th, 1899. SUSIE H. WOODIS.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

ORRIN R. STETSON, late of Canton, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Sept. 5th, 1899. EDWIN R. CALDWELL.

FIRE INSURANCE

C. E. TOLMAN,
SOUTH PARIS, ME.

MILLINERY!

Mrs. Hills has just returned from New York and Boston with an unusually large stock of all the very latest in

Fall and Winter Millinery.

ALL THE LATEST NOVELTIES.

Trimmed Hats ready for your inspection. Call and see them.
We have no Millinery Opening in the fall.

MRS. F. E. DRAKE, Head Trimmer, with experienced assistants.

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Opening

Of Fall Garments

will interest many women of this vicinity. From such a stock we can not give an account of each kind, but this is the best line we have ever had.

Golf Capes $5.00, $6.50, and $10.
Pretty Jackets $5.00, $7.50, $10.00, and $12.00.

New Satin Waists

received from the factory, call and see them.

THOMAS SMILEY,
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Oxford County Fair

Will be held September 19, 20 and 21, and it occurs to us that will be a good time to buy your fall stock of footwear, and will you please bear in mind we carry the largest and best stock of all kinds of

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers,

in the County, and as this Store is owned by the leading wholesale House in Maine, our prices are consequently the lowest. We have so many bargains it is impossible for us to enumerate them, but please call and see for yourself. We also carry a large line of Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases. We can surely suit you. Our Store will be open the evening of the second day of the fair. We give you a cordial invitation to make our store your headquarters while attending the fair, leave all your packages and wraps here, we will care for them for you. Be sure you find the place, it is the WHITE FRONT. Yours truly,

Smiley Shoe Store,
E. N. SWETT, Manager, NORWAY, MAINE.

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But it has four corners just the same and all four of them as well as all the floor space between are filled with the best clothing our money will buy. Nobody's will buy any better. We know we must not only buy as cheap but we must sell a little cheaper than any one else, if we are to keep in the lead which this store has gained in the past. Come in and see what we are doing. Five lines of Men's suits for $5. Many lines for $6 and $6.50—all the finer grades too.

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Your Fall Suit - -

is the topic of our thoughts as well as yours just now. In fact we've been thinking about it for some time, and we've been getting ready for you. The result is, we're showing to-day the finest line of high grade

Ready-to-wear Suits, Men's, Youths, Boy's,

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OUR OVERCOATS have received the same careful attention as our suits. They can't help pleasing you.

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Come and see them.

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SOUTH PARIS.

George F. Stearns of Atlanta, Ga., is in town.

Paris Grange will have a meeting next Saturday.

Prof. L. P. Gerrish was in Lisbon the past week.

Mr. Troy has moved his family to Gorham, N. H.

Miss Effie Mayhew is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Ina L. Holman of Auburn visited relatives here last week.

Frank Beck has been clerking for I. B. Andrews the past week.

Mrs. A. E. Bessey of Waterville visited relatives in town last week.

Clayton K. Brooks is at Hebron coaching the academy football team.

Dr. Wight of Medford, Mass., visited at Wallace Ryerson's the past week.

Dr. Carroll and wife of Bryant's Pond visited at S. C. Ordway's last Tuesday.

Newton Stanley, of Portland, visited his brother, Wirt Stanley, over Sunday.

Miss Mary Dwinal of Mechanic Falls has been at Wm. Blake's for a few days.

Richard Brown of Portland, and a lady friend, spent Sunday at John Emeley's.

Edwin S. Drake of Portland visited friends here and attended the fair last week.

Dr. M. L. Bonney of Livermore Falls was in town Wednesday calling on friends.

Dr. Morse of Canton is spending a few days with his friend, Dr. J. G. Littlefield.

Golden Cross meeting to-night, Monday. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Samuel Knight of Bridgton Centre has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Richards.

Mrs. E. O. Jewell, who has spent the summer at Rumford, has returned to Wm. Blake's.

George Tirrell and wife of Boston have been visiting relatives here during the past week.

Mr. Wilbur Holt of Boston has been stopping for a few days with his mother on Park Street.

A. L. Williams, of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, was in town last week.

Mrs. A. S. Hall of Buckfield has been visiting her friend, Miss Gertrude Hall, for the past week.

Mrs. Nellie Maybury and two children, of Yarmouth, are visiting her father, Bradbury Whitten.

Miss Alice Greene is taking a forced vacation from L. B. Andrews' store on account of sickness.

C. L. Buck's office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week as he goes to Andover then.

Mr. L. E. Pulsifer goes to Boston this week with his ash sifter for the purpose of introducing it there.

Miss Grace Thayer and Mrs. Ella Pray of Providence, R. I., spent Sunday with relatives at Rumford.

Miss Mertie Maxim has accepted a position as teacher of a school in Jefferson, Mass., and has gone there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Chandler of West Sumner have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Pulsifer, for a few days the past week.

The People's Water Company have called a special meeting to arrange for putting in more wells to increase their supply of water.

John Martin furnished milk for the Oxford County fair from his two cows, and is completing arrangements to furnish the Boston Food Fair from the surplus.

Mrs. J. D. Haynes has been entertaining her father and mother, Levi Newell and wife, and other relatives from Sumner and Abington, Mass., during the week.

Walter P. Stinchfield of Co. B, Forty-Sixth U. S. Infantry, now stationed at Camp Dalton, South Farmingham, Mass., has been visiting his father, Wm. A. Stinchfield, for a five days' furlough.

Mrs. Abby M. Thompson, who has been in Sheriff Tucker's family for several months, died Wednesday morning at the age of 66 years. Her remains were taken to Kasota, Minn., for interment.

Advertised letters in South Paris postoffice September 20th:

Mrs. R. M. Lunt.
Mrs. Mary G. Pressey.
Miss Alice G. Jordan.
Mr. W. W. Rideout.

The office hours at the post office haven't been changed, but if you should happen around and ask the postmaster something about knocking off an hour early Saturday, like other workmen, perhaps he will give you a cigar.

Frederick B. Webber of the U. S. Navy is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. E. E. Webber. He has been on the training ship Lancaster, but expects to go on to one of the battleships when he returns from his leave of absence.

A South Paris business woman is contemplating taking the spring lock off her store door. She went out on an errand the other evening and left the key inside, and had to get a ladder and a man to go in through the back window.

At the M. E. church next Sunday the pastor will preach in the morning as usual, and in the evening at 7 o'clock the Presiding Elder, Rev. A. S. Ladd, D. D., will preach. Dr. Ladd is a very fine preacher and we trust will have a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert of Canton visited Mrs. Gilbert's brother, N. D. Bolster, Thursday. They were intending to remain a day or two, but were called home that night by the news that their son Ralph had broken his arm playing football.

The Ladies' Social Circle will meet in the Baptist vestry at 7:30 o'clock next Thursday evening. There will be a colonial exhibit, consisting of ancient and rare articles, old fashioned music and recitations. Mr. A. E. Morse will recite in his usual happy manner. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Admission is our regular circle fee of five cents.

Two little tots were watched, unobserved, as they stood in the doorway of their home enjoying the rainfall succeeding the severe drouth last summer. The little fellow of 3 1-2 years said to his sister 2 years younger, "Look up and say I thank you God for the water." She looked up reverently and in her sweet way said "I thank oo God for the water." Truly, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise."

Albert D. Park has a new member in his family—Placido Alonso, of Matanzas, Cuba. He will remain a month at least, and perhaps longer, learning the English language, of which he knows practically nothing, and American ways. He is a bright, good-looking young fellow of 24, of small stature and not very dark complexion, with a keen black eye. He is a full-blooded Spaniard and a native of Spain, though he has half-brothers who are Cubans.

Master Henry Howe and his small uncle, Master Merton Ellis, are hardly old enough yet to be expert horsemen, and so when a horse of which they were in sole charge jogged off down High Street Saturday afternoon, they were about the "scairtest" boys you ever saw. They didn't touch the reins which hung over the dasher, and perhaps it was just as well; but they exercised their lungs so that everybody knew what was happening. The team was stopped near the post office, and the boys were let out. No damage except to the boys' feelings.

There are brave men in Bath. One of them has a record of eating twenty-one hot frankforts at a sitting, and he still lives.

A RAINY WEEK.

BUT THE COUNTY FAIR GOT THERE JUST THE SAME.

STRETCHED OUT OVER FIVE DAYS.—GOOD RACES.—GREAT SHOW OF CATTLE AND PRODUCTS.

The Oxford County Agricultural Society ought to have credit for breaking, or at least relieving, the great drought of 1899. The fair apparently brought the rain, at any rate the fair and the rain came together, and kept together right along, day after day, so the fair didn't wind up until Saturday night.

It wasn't just as we would have it to order, but so many thousands rejoiced in the prospect of a little water that the few thousands who were discommoded had to put up with it gracefully.

Tuesday was a day of preparation—perhaps it should be said, of preparation for getting ready. Never did the work in the hall go so slowly. If it hadn't been rainy Wednesday, it is questionable whether some of the granges would have got their exhibits ready, and got out of the way of the other exhibitors. The dust rose in a cloud wherever a foot was put down, and sifted down over everything. The crowd was small, even for a first day.

Tuesday night the welcome rain came down, and it continued to rain through Wednesday. Notice was sent out early that the fair was set ahead one day, but the notice was almost superfluous. Nobody expected any fair, and nobody came who wasn't paid for doing so. The gates were open, and an occasional forlorn individual stalked around through the wet, but the halls were locked.

Thursday morning was bright and fair, and the rush of the "second day" began early. Not quite the usual rush, though. The postponement will affect it a little.

Just a little before 1 o'clock, people who were out doors felt a little sprinkle of water, just an occasional drop. A rush was made for everything that could afford shelter, and it wasn't ten minutes before a good smart rain was upon us.

For the rest of the afternoon it was a question of keep out of the wet, and get home as soon as you can, for it poured almost without a break. The races had to be postponed, the drawing matches had to be postponed—and the people took it good-naturedly. When the street cars made their stops, the crowd gathered up their skirts and made a dive through the mud, till the cars were filled to the limit, while the rest waited for the next car.

Friday was another beautiful morning, and our day's rain didn't come until after 4 in the afternoon, and then in the form of short dashes, which did not upset the programme, though they made discomfort. The second day's programme was carried out as fully as possible, and what remained was carried over to Saturday.

THE CATTLE.

A large lot of very nice cattle were on the grounds.

As we walked down through the pines we were pleased to see such a fine lot of cattle. From the noble ox to the little calf every department was well filled.

We found long strings of oxen, 3-year-olds, 2-year-olds, yearlings, and steer calves, surely showing that the day of the "passing of the ox" had not come yet.

The first cattle to arrive were a string of twelve yoke of oxen and steers, which came in over the mountain from Buckfield, and were tied up in good season Monday night. B. J. Turner had two yoke of oxen in the string, D. A. Tuttle two yoke of 3-year-olds, one pair of 2-year-olds, three of yearlings—all Herefords. G. S. Record had a pair of 3-year-olds and two pairs of yearlings, also all Herefords.

D. A. Tuttle also showed a Jersey yearling heifer and a thoroughbred Shropshire buck and an Oxford Down buck, 2 years old, which weighs 270 pounds.

J. A. Porter, West Paris, showed a large pair of white faced oxen and a yoke of 3-year-old Durham steers, and a Durham heifer.

C. R. Penley, South Paris, showed a yoke of oxen, 7 feet and 2 inches, which won the sweepstakes pulling match at state fair; a pair of Holstein 3-year-old steers, which he bought of J. C. Saunders of Hanover; these steers have been taking blue ribbons ever since they were calves. Mr. Penley also had a pair of Holstein steer calves, a herd of twelve cows, and three cows entered as individuals.

L. S. Holmes, East Oxford, had six animals, including a registered yearling Hereford bull, two full-blooded Hereford cows, a two-year-old, and a calf.

E. J. Hobbs, Norway, showed the registered Holstein bull King William Columbus, 22,934, 3 years old, weight 1852 pounds, girth 7 feet, 4 inches, and a cow and half dozen heifers of different ages, all grade Holsteins.

A string of good oxen and steers from Hartford showed up Tuesday night.

George R. Russell of Hartford exhibited a yoke of Durham oxen.

Charles C. Russell of Hartford also exhibited a yoke of Hereford oxen.

George Young, Hartford, a yoke of oxen.

Oscar Turner of Hartford, a yoke of white faced oxen, and a pretty pair of 2-year-old steers.

Henry W. Poland of Sumner, a big yoke of white faced oxen.

Moses Young of Hartford, who always has a lot of good oxen and steers, showed a yoke of oxen, a yoke of 3-year-olds, and two yoke of 2-year-olds, all grade Herefords, and all good ones.

Charles Young of Hartford, a yoke of oxen.

Ellis Whitman of Buckfield showed a pair of 3-year-old white face steers, weight 2715 pounds, girth 6 feet 8 inches. Harold Whitman showed a pair of grade Durham yearlings, 6 feet in girth, weighing 2,000 pounds.

W. D. Tucker of East Sumner showed a pair of grade Hereford steers, 2 years old, 6 feet, 6 inches.

H. L. Ryerson, superintendent of the Paris town farm, exhibited ten head, headed by yoke of red oxen, five years old, girth 7 feet, weight 3200 lbs.; Durham cow 9 years old showed good udder; also Holstein cow 10 years old; one grade Jersey six years old; one grade Jersey 3 years old; one grade Jersey 2 years old, of fawn color, the largest and heaviest on the ground; one grade Jersey calf 6 months old, a beauty; one grade Holstein calf and a beauty; red Durham calf, Samson, 5 months old, girth 4 feet, 3 inches, five feet, 2 inches in length, height 3 feet, 8 inches, all the Durham on the ground, attracted considerable attention.

Master Emery A. Ryerson of Paris, pair of red, grade Durham steer calves, beauties, 4 1-2 months old, girth 4 feet, and as handy as oxen, and show well on the drag. Several wanted to buy, but he would not price them.

TOWN TEAMS.

Paris, Norway and Hartford each exhibited fine town teams. The yoke of oxen on the lead of the Paris town team, owned by Jonathan Richards of Paris were beauties, 7 feet, 6 in. the line and the heaviest on the grounds.

Moses Young of Hartford had some fine oxen and steers in the Hartford string that were fine to look at. No major general on the old muster field ever stepped any higher than Moses Young when he drives his oxen and steers into the fair grounds. Come again, Mr. Young.

Paris and Norway had teams of 3-year-olds, some of which will be here next year as oxen, and make a good showing.

Paris and Norway had each a team of yearlings, and there were a fine lot of steer calves that all ox-men like to look at so well.

A lot of bulls of all the leading breeds were scattered among the cattle—very promising animals.

HERDS.

E. W. Penley of Greenwood, who keeps about 40 head of cattle, was here with sixteen Durham cattle, all good ones.

C. R. Penley is a large milk farmer, and always drives in a lot of good cows.

S. H. Millett of Norway is a noted breeder of Herefords. He was here with 23 head of whitefaces, making one of the finest displays of cattle to be found at any fair in the state.

If you want to see a fine lot of Jerseys look over S. M. King's stock from Kingsleside Farm, South Paris, whose reputation as a breeder of Jersey cattle is equal to any in the state.

Eldron H. Stearns and Orra A. Bird of Stearns Hill in Paris are very sure to be here with some good Herefords.

J. H. Millett & Son of Norway are here with some good Durhams.

Abner Jackson, Norway's biggest farmer, was here with a fine lot of cattle as usual.

C. H. Brett of Otisfield Gore has a fine lot of Holsteins.

J. H. Martin of Paris has two fine looking gray cows.

SHEEP.

The sheep pens are well filled.

E. W. Penley of Greenwood, one of the best farmers in the county, had not only a fine lot of cattle here, but a good flock of sheep and lambs.

C. A. Richardson of Greenwood, another good farmer, has some good sheep and lambs.

Abner Jackson and E. M. Everett of Norway like sheep, and can be depended upon to bring some good ones here.

SWINE.

A good prospect for pork.

The pens were well filled with hogs of all colors and sizes, from the old long nosed sow to the pretty little week-old pig. Here were Black Berkshires from Buckfield, owned by N. E. Morrill, and some about as black from Paris, brought in by O. K. Clifford, all good ones. So if you like black hogs buy your pigs of them, and you will get good ones every time.

W. C. Cole of Norway was here with a sow and nine pigs.

D. A. Brett and C. Y. Francis of Otisfield Gore brought in a good lot of sows and pigs.

H. M. Tucker of Paris, who is quite a breeder of swine, had a good boar, sow, and nine pigs.

Josiah Yeaton of Oxford also helped fill the swine department with a good hog.

POULTRY.

The poultry occupied the usual place under the shed near the entrance. There was not a large amount of it, but when a trio of guinea fowl, belonging to C. Y. Francis, got down to business, there was noise enough for a dozen poultry yards.

C. Y. Francis of Otisfield Gore had about a dozen coops on exhibition, including Red Breasted Game, Barred Plymouth Rock, fowls and chicks, W. F. Black Spanish fowls and chicks, White Chinese Cochins, and Andalusian chicks, the last named being a peculiar kind of dove colored fowl. He also showed Embden geese, Pekin ducks, and old and young bronze turkeys.

George H. Jordan of Norway showed two pairs of Sebrights.

H. E. Lovejoy of Norway showed Barred Plymouth Rock fowl, Black Minorca fowl, Rhode Island Reds, White Wyandotte, fowl and chicks, Houdan chicks.

J. W. Lebroke, Norway, a trio of Rhode Island Reds.

Benj. Bacon, Jr., Norway, Barred Plymouth Rock fowl and chicks.

E. A. Merrill, Norway, showed a coop of White Wyandotte chicks, and four pairs of Barred Plymouth Rock chicks.

Irving P. Symonds of North Norway showed a trio of Brown Leghorns.

I. A. Bean of Norway showed White Wyandotte fowl and chicks, White Leghorn fowl and chicks, Barred Plymouth Rock chicks, and a big White Wyandotte hen with fourteen downy little white chicks.

A. R. Tuell of South Paris showed three pair of Light Brahma fowl and chicks.

E. C. Thompson of Norway, pair of English Red Caps and pair of Black Breast Red Games.

O. K. Clifford of South Paris showed a pair of Brown Leghorn chicks.

THE LOWER HALL.

Some feared that owing to the drought and other circumstances there would be a light show of vegetables and fruit, but the fear was unfounded. Milk-fed squashes were perhaps not so plenty as some years, but there were plenty of good specimens of all sorts of produce.

J. A. Roberts of Norway, president of the society, who is something of a farmer himself, exhibited a lot of clean and handsome garden vegetables, including 14 varieties of beets, 11 of onions, 8 of cucumbers, several of carrots, parsnips, etc.

O. K. Clifford, South Paris, showed half a dozen varieties of pumpkins, of various sizes and shapes, and five of squashes.

Gardner Rowe of Oxford showed two lots of onions.

Charles Henry Pike of Norway, 10 years old, showed some smooth potatoes and beets which he raised, some cans of strawberries of his own raising, a sunflower stalk loaded with blossoms, and a pickled cucumber in a bottle with a small neck. Of course the question is, how did the cucumber get there? and the answer is that, like Topsy, it "growed" there.

Mrs. Calvin Richardson of Norway exhibited an assortment numbering 64 varieties of canned goods, jellies, etc.

L. K. Stone of Paris filled a long space with potatoes. A showcase contained forty varieties of seedlings, and around it were arranged specimens of 41 varieties of full-grown tubers. They are a smooth lot, and give evidence of having been raised on good potato soil. He says they weren't raised with all the fuss and phosphate they could stand under, but in the field just like common potatoes. Mr. Stone also showed 12 plates of tomatoes, 14 specimens of beans, and 9 varieties of cucumbers.

S. H. Kilgore of Norway Lake showed 4 varieties of potatoes, 5 of beets, 4 of carrots, parsnips, 4 varieties of turnips, and 6 of cucumbers. He also showed two varieties of apples, and cranberries, and made a display of grains and seeds, peas and beans.

George H. Davis of South Paris exhibited a large pyramid of comb and extracted honey, and specimens of maple syrup and sugar.

W. H. Porter of Norway, 3 varieties onions, 3 of beets, a box of Commercial potatoes, about three pecks, raised from one pound of seed, cantaloupes, several varieties of squashes, cabbages, and other vegetables, entered as a collection.

Willie L. Merrill of Norway showed some big pumpkins and mammoth cucumbers.

D. S. Brackett of Otisfield Gore occupied an extensive space with an assortment of vegetables. It included a large head of Dutch kale; a plant of a new variety of sage, of which he says he has known one little sprig set in spring to cover nine square feet; squashes, big turnips, cabbages, pumpkins, tomatoes, celery, a dozen varieties of potatoes, etc., etc.

John P. Penley of Paris made a good showing with thirty-nine varieties of potatoes.

J. A. Bradbury of Norway showed twelve varieties of potatoes.

The most elaborate and most toothsome display of celery was made by President Roberts—two varieties, White Plume and Golden Self-Blanching.

Herbert M. Tucker of South Paris made one of the most densely-packed displays of garden and field crops. A sheaf of millet formed the centrepiece, and around it was packed an extensive assortment of pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages, melons, and numerous other vegetables, including several that are comparatively rare—it would be difficult to enumerate the varieties.

F. M. Edwards of South Paris exhibited a neat case with an annex, containing altogether 130 varieties of threshed beans.

SHOWN FOR FAME.

W. C. Leavitt of Norway showed a large line of Glenwood and Atlantic ranges and stoves, and other hardware.

C. B. Cummings & Sons of Norway, who occupy a large space in the lower hall with a display of some one of their numerous lines of business, filled it with furniture this year. It was a handsome lot, and about every piece had a mirror in it.

Merritt Welch of Norway displayed a line of ladies' garments, shawls, table covers, etc.

The A. L. & E. F. Goss Co. of Lewiston made a show of a varied assortment of dairy implements. Separators, churns of all sorts, and everything else imaginable.

The White sewing machine was exhibited, and its work demonstrated, by J. D. Horr of North Waterford.

Wm. J. Wheeler & Co., of South Paris, dealers in musical instruments and merchandise, exhibited four fine instruments—Ivers & Pond and Merrill pianos, and Estey and Wilcox & White organs.

Pulsifer's dustless ash sifter was demonstrated by L. E. Pulsifer of South Paris, the inventor and proprietor. This is a new thing, just patented, and the name itself is an attraction. It lives up to its name, so to speak.

Kilborn's health bath, by means of which you may take the best kind of a bath in six quarts of water, occupied a corner of the lower hall. Luckily for the demonstrator, the back of his left hand, on which he illustrated the work of the bath, would stand a good deal of grief—and so would his lungs and throat.

E. Williams, optical specialist, assured every tenth person who passed that he needed a pair of glasses. Some of them didn't believe him, but enough of them did so that he kept busy.

FRUIT.

C. H. George of Hebron brought a collection of fruit which more than filled a barrel. It included over thirty varieties of apples, besides several of pears and grapes, etc. His is evidently an apple-eating family, as he says his apple crop will be just about what he will want for his own use.

O. B. Upton of Norway made a display of fruit which included 21 varieties of apples, 6 of pears, 2 of crab apples, 5 of grapes, and a plate of peaches—not very large, but they are peaches.

Lemuel Gurney of Hebron, who has more apples this year than for the last two years, had 31 varieties of apples, 4 of pears, 4 of crabs, and 6 of grapes.

Rev. S. D. Richardson showed a plate of Flemish Beauty pears which look as if the variety was redeeming itself from the bad name which it has borne for the past few years. They are large and smooth.

THE GRANGE EXHIBITS.

The award of premiums for grange exhibits, which has prevailed for a few years, has made quite a change and improvement in the appearance of the upper hall. Until this year the space has always had to be divided among only three granges, but this year five granges contributed, and all were assigned equal space. There is an almost incalculable amount of work put into these, and if the time was reckoned at "living wages," there would be a deficit in the grange treasuries. But there is $190 in the premiums offered, and the loyal Grangers are willing to put in a considerable amount of work for the collective benefit. So there were five very attractive displays in the space assigned.

Hebron Grange occupied a space at the south end of the hall. The decorations were in green and straw color, and the roof and wall were covered with quilts, spreads, etc. In the centre of the back wall hung a large moose skin, capped with a deer's head, and flanked by two deer skins. Below on a three-sided pyramid were arranged the great variety of farm products. For decorative features, a special attraction was a rug made from the skin of a Rocky Mountain lion shot in Wyoming. There were also several antiquities, including a pewter plate which was an old plate when Rev. John Tripp was married 130 years ago.

The decorations of the space occupied by Frederick Roble Grange of Otisfield Gore were in pink and white. The space was walled with quilts, rugs, etc., and the name of the grange appeared in gilt on a white shield which formed the centrepiece on the wall. Below this were arranged on a sloping shelf and in showcases the various products of farm and household.

Paris Grange decorated its space in red, white and blue, the decorations including a canopy and arches, draperies, etc. The arrangement of these decorations was very effective, and was one of the most artistic things in the hall. Against the wall were two cones, the one on the right of canned goods, the other being solidly built of apples, while at the foot of it rested a framed "picture" made of the numerous ribbons awarded to Kingleside Farm Jerseys at the Eastern Maine State, Maine State, and Rochester, N. H., fairs this season. Besides the usual display of products, this exhibit included a remarkably large number of interesting antiquities.

Norway Grange has always carried off the first premium, and put in a large amount of work to hold it this year. The decorations were in light blue and corn, in draperies and two large circles in the front. Behind these was a very effective display. The centrepiece was a large pyramid of canned goods. The feature of the exhibit which drew forth as many exclamations of delight as anything on the grounds was the old oaken bucket. The curb and bucket were a solid mass of flowers, edged with ferns and club moss. The sweep was of cedar wound with club moss.

West Paris Grange decorated its space in light green and white, and the name of the grange appeared in everlastings on an arch of cedar in front. A case of shelves in the form of a star on one section of the wall held a display of apples, and on the other side a diamond-shaped case of shelves held a collection of canned goods. In one corner was a pyramid of cans and bouquets of flowers, and in the other corner a pyramid of shelves containing antiquities. A sloping shelf and counter, with a little space on the floor, held the usual display of products.

OBSERVED IN THE HALL.

Miss Libby, crayon artist, exhibited a number of crayon portraits, enlargements, including a number from amateur negatives, and cabinet photographs.

Albert D. Park of South Paris, who is quite an extensive florist along with his other work, showed the only collection of house plants—a large bank of fresh green plants. Principal features were a number of varieties of begonias, a large sword cactus, and a plant of the genesta, the Scotch shrub which gave the name to one of the challengers for the America's cup a few years since. Mr. Park also made an extensive display of cut flowers in the upper hall.

Mrs. Nellie Cummings of South Paris showed as handsome an ivy as you will see in many a day.

The south end of the upper hall was given up to the exhibits of minerals. L. Kimball Stone and Mrs. E. R. Davis, both of Paris, were the two exhibitors. Both had show cases with a neatly arranged display of specimens, and Mr. Stone's included a number of cut stones from Oxford County mines. The mineral exhibit always draws a crowd, and this one was no exception to the rule.

Mrs. F. G. Noble of Norway showed a collection of about sixty kinds of canned fruits and berries, pickles, etc., a very appetizing lot.

H. & E. Sanborn of Norway exhibited a line of ice tongs, picks, bolt hooks, grapples, etc., which they manufacture.

A novelty in the line of exhibits was a canary in a cage. It was given a gratuity.

FEEDING THE MULTITUDE.

Even with the crowd of the middle day, there is no difficulty in providing the hungry with food. The South Paris Congregational Circle, in the booth next the ball, has the largest seating capacity of any of the victualers. The Norway Congregational Circle comes next. These two advertise hot dinners at 35 cents. The Norway Universalist Circle, in the next booth, advertises dinners for 25 cents. Twitchell's Oyster House, the next in the line, is run by the Twitchells of Oxford, who also sell an enormous amount of fruit, peanuts, etc., from a wagon on the grounds. Lovejoy's Victualing Booth is run by A. J. Lovejoy of Oxford. The victualing booth owned by S. F. Briggs of South Paris is run this year by Aaron Babb of Paris and Mr. Martin of Lewiston, and bears the sign, "Babb & Martin's Eating House."

These are all the places where a straight dinner is served at a lump price. But if you want ice cream, candy, cigars, soda, pies or cakes, "hot dog," graphophone music on the half shell, your fortune told while you wait, or any other form of light refreshment, there's lots of it, hot or cold, wholesale or retail, on the Midway.

THE IMPLEMENT SHOW.

A good show of farm implements was made in the hall under the grand stand. The Whitman Agricultural Works, of Auburn, showed a long string of implements, including horse power, wood saw, feed and root cutters, cider mills and presses, plows, harrows, etc.

E. A. Merrill of Norway Lake showed the Yankee swivel plow, Arlington land plow, Eclipse corn planter, Oxford spring tooth harrow, and New England horse hoe.

F. C. Merrill, South Paris, manufacturer of implements, exhibited a full line of his O. K. swivel and land plows, his Paris plow, riding spring tooth harrow, and the Syracuse horse hoe and cultivator. Fourteen plows in the exhibit.

C. R. Penley of South Paris showed two Wiard steel plows, and Monroe's rotary riding harrow.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the society was called to order promptly at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, by President Roberts. Mr. Roberts thanked the society for continuing him in the office of president as long as they had, and stated that he was not a candidate for re-election. The ballot for president was then taken, and resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes,	100
Necessary to a choice,	51
W. J. Wheeler,	61
H. D. Hammond,	38
A. D. Park,	1

The ballot for secretary and treasurer resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes,	87
Necessary to a choice,	44
A. C. T. King,	49
A. D. Park,	38

For trustee in place of C. H. George of Hebron the ballot resulted:

Whole number of votes,	90
Necessary to a choice,	46
William O. Frothingham,	59
Charles H. George,	31

For trustee in place of E. W. Penley of Greenwood a ballot was next taken. By this time the crowd had begun to wake up, and there was some noisy electioneering. The ballot resulted:

Whole number of votes,	92
Necessary to a choice,	47
E. E. Andrews,	49
E. W. Penley,	43

Five delegates were chosen to attend a convention to choose a member of the State Board of Agriculture. On motion of J. F. King, a single ballot was cast for the following, who were authorized to fill vacancies:

H. D. Hammond, C. H. George, John Wyman, J. W. Libby, E. W. Penley.

The result of the election was a surprise to many, and means that the horse portion of the show will hereafter be given more relative prominence. It is the old contest of the "horsemen" against the "farmers," and the horsemen had been doing some work, mostly on the d. q., and had things about their own way.

THE RACES.

In the race for green horses Tuesday only three starters appeared. June Bird by Westland owned and driven by Guy Buck of South Paris drew the pole; Peter, by Norway Knox, owned and driven by Frank Buck of South Paris, drew second position and Silk Knott, by Col. Knott, a Mechanic Falls horse, started on the outside. It very soon became evident that Silk Knott had plenty of speed to spare. He was an easy winner taking a record in the second heat of 2:35 1-2, which was no measure of his speed as he was walked under the wire June Bird made a good showing in the two last heats considering her poor condition, and her present owner is not at fault for her condition as he has owned her only a week. In the second heat Peter had a knee boot broken and dangling and consequently was distanced.

GREEN HORSE CLASS.—PURSE $100.

Silk Knott, b. g., by Col. Knott, Geo. Pratt, Mechanic Falls,	1 1
June Bird, b. m., by Westland, Guy Buck, South Paris,	3 2 2
Peter, bl. g., by Norway Knox, Frank E. Buck, South Paris,	2 dis

Time, 2:47, 2:35 1-2, 2:39.

The 2:34 class, Tuesday, was worthy of a larger audience. It was a very close and exciting contest between the little Robinson D. horse, James T., owned by James Thompson and driven by H. G Fletcher of South Paris and the brown pacer Gammon, owned by Dr. C. S. Childs of Buckfield and driven by Orrison Jordan. Gammon came here from a hard fought victory at Bethel and many selected him as the winner. He is generally a steady going horse with a big gait but he met more than his match in the game little Robinson D. horse. In the first heat Gammon made a long run in the stretch and came under the wire first but was set back to second position for running. In the second heat James T. made a break that gave Gammon the heat. In the third heat James T. went to the pole on the first turn and it looked from the grand stand as though Gammon's driver crowded James T. to the fence in his efforts to beat, not succeeding however, he laid Gammon up for the next. The first half of the fourth heat was a horse race from wire to wire. In many places the horses were side by side, and both driven under the whip, making the half in 1:14 1-2, but Gammon could not hold the pace for the finish and dropped back to third position, leaving James T. winner of heat and race.

2:34 CLASS.—PURSE $175.

James T., br. g., by Robinson D., H. G. Fletcher, South Paris,	1 2 1 1
Gammon, br. g., Orrison Jordan, Buckfield,	2 1 2 3
Gladstone, bl. g., James Pledge, Norway,	4 3 3 2
Joker M., b. g., by Hector Wilkes, Jud. Millett, Norway,	3 4 4 4

Time, 2:31 1-4, 2:31 1-4, 2:32 3-4, 2:35.

Wednesday was a day of waiting. The heavens opened and the rain fell and the drivers and "swipes" got in some fast miles while shivering around the stalls.

Thursday morning's weather brought the crowd; it excited their anticipation and worked up their appetite for a horse race; it went so far as to fill the grand stand with eager spectators, and then—disappoint us all so suddenly! A black cloud gathered; the rain came down the home-stretch at a two-minute clip; it came in at the back of the grand-stand at a wetting pace; it blighted our hope and "bedraggled" our best clothes and we went home cold, wet and mentally saying "good-bye" to the little quarter that we paid to see the horses trot.

Friday saw the best race of the fair in the 2:20 class. Six of the best horses that ever contested on an Oxford County track met and fought it out but it took six heats and lots of whipping to decide it. The first heat does not appear in the table. It was a "spite" race. The horses scored down and somebody in the crowd shouted "go." They went. All except Charlie Russell heeded not the clanging of the judge's bell. They went around in a bunch finishing the mile in 2:22 1 2 with the gray horse Laundryman slightly in the lead. In the next heat, which was really the first heat of the race the gray horse showed his paces. One year ago he was doing daily duty in a laundry wagon—hence his name—and was for sale at $150. On this day he went around a bunch of Maine's fastest ones, keeping the outside of the track and finishing the mile easily in time that was hung out as 2:19 1-2 and was timed by some of the spectators in 2:16 1-2. His quarters as given out were made in '34, half in 1:08, three-quarters in 1:43. It was a great drive for second place between Baby S. and Ned O. and whipe were used freely. In the third heat the drivers evidently combined to beat Laundryman. They took turns in crowding him and succeeded—for after a great drive in the stretch—the game little horse Ned O. lapped the gray horse out by just a nose and when he repeated the trick just at dark in the fourth heat the excitement became intense—and the race was postponed until next morning. Saturday morning saw the gray horse rested up and an easy winner in the deciding heat.

2:20 CLASS. PURSE $200.

Laundryman, g. g., by Gideon, Wiggin, Auburn,	1 1 2 2 1
Ned O., b. g., Jordan, Buckfield,	4 3 1 1 3
Baby S., b. m., by Albo, Bisbee, Hartford,	6 2 4 5 5
May Day, ch. m., by Robinson D., Howard, Buckfield,	3 5 5 4 4
Eva W., r. m., by Sea Foam, Merrow, Norway,	3 4 3 3 6
Dandy Diamont, bl. g., by Black Rolfe, Bennett, Buckfield,	5 6 6 6ds

Time, 2:19 1-4, 2:24 1-2, 2:27, 2:27, 2:21 1-2.

The 2:29 class had only two starters and was uninteresting.

2:29 CLASS. PURSE $175.

Dewey, bl. g., by Bismark, Richards,	1 1 1
Sam, b. g., by Fearnaught, Russell,	2 2 2

Time, 2:26, 2:26, 2:23.

The 2:50 class was considerable of a running race a good deal of the time.

2:50 CLASS. PURSE $150.

Spaulding, r. g., by Fauntleroy, Russell,	1 1 1
Gladstone, bl. g., by Black Nathan, Pledge,	3 2 3
Silver and Gold, Abbott,	2 3 4
Little King, b. s., Howard,	4 4 2
Myrtle Golsart, Bowe,	5 5dis

Time, 2:25 1-4, 2:25, 2:26.

Saturday saw a good day, a good track and a small crowd. The free-for-all race was the attraction and it was a good race, but hardly up to expectation as many had looked for split heats. It was a great contest however, in which Emma D. and St. Croix made unsuccessful attempts to head the fast pacer Tackhammer Morrill owned and driven by R. C. Sumner of Lewiston, formerly of South Paris. The pacer was at his best and never made a skip. He went like a perfect working machine and never lost the pole nor the lead though closely pressed at times.

FREE-FOR-ALL. PURSE $150.

Tackhammer Morrill, b. s., R. C. Sumner,	1 1 1
St. Croix, b. s., by Wilkes, Dr. Zegler,	3 3 2
Emma D., b. m., by Black Nathan, J. Russell,	2 2 4
C. W. Williams, b. g., by Allerton, E. Howard,	4 4 3

Time, 2:25 1-4, 2:25 1-4, 2:24.

After the first heat the 2:42 class was an easy victory for the roan gelding Spaulding.

2:42 CLASS. PURSE $100.

Spaulding, r. g., Russell,	3 1 1 1
Silver and Gold, Abbott,	1 2 2 2
Joker M., Millett,	2 3 3 2

Time, 2:41, 2:37 1-2, 2:37, 2:39.

The consolation race did not fill and was not started.

John W. Thompson of Canton, author of "Maine Bred Horses" and by far the best posted horse authority in the state, officiated throughout as starter with eminent fairness and ability.

The stage performance was a great addition to the fair and rendered the wait between heats much less tedious than formerly. It's a feature that should be continued.

In the two classes for gentlemen's driving horses the premiums were given as follows:

TUESDAY'S EXHIBIT.

Chas. W. Bowker, South Paris, first.
Frank A. Taylor, South Paris, second.
Bert Cummings, Paris, third.

SATURDAY'S EXHIBIT.

R. L. Cummings, South Paris, first.
A. F. Andrews & Sons, Norway, second.
Chas. W. Bowker, South Paris, third.
Frank B. Fogg, South Paris, fourth.

AWARD OF PREMIUMS.

NOTE.—The awards as herein announced are unofficial, but are in the main correct.

Stallions—Robinson Dean, Buckfield, $15: W J Wheeler, South Paris, 8; Young Bros, South Paris, 4. 3-year-old stallion, Dr. J A Twaddle, Bethel, 10. 2-year-old stallion, R. L. Cummings, South Paris, 6. 1-year-old stallion, Harry Dudley, Buckfield, 5.

Committee—W. A. Bartlett, R. N. Stetson.

Colts—3-year-colt, F L. Barrett, West Sumner, $8; S E Kimball, South Paris, 6; A J Penley, South Paris, 4. 2-year-old colt, A J Penley, 6; Harry Dudley, Buckfield, 4: Alvin Bessey, North Buckfield, 2; Mrs M F Bicknell, Hebron, 1. 1-year-old colt, F L Barrett, West Sumner, 5.

Committee—L T Brett, A R Tuell, C E Freeman.

Brood Mares and Sucking Colts—Brood mare, F L Barrett, West Sumner, $15; Dr J A Twaddle, Bethel, 8. Sucking colt, Dr J A Twaddle, 4; F L Barrett, 3; Mountain View Farm, South Paris, 2; Charles Maxim, Buckfield, 1.

Committee—H F Andrews, Wm H Warren, G M Stevens.

Gents' Driving Horses—R L Cummings, Paris, 1st, $5; Andrews & Sons, Norway, 2d, 10; Chas Bowker, Paris, 3d, 6; B F Fogg, Paris, 4th, 4.

Committee—Wm. H. Warren, Justus Mason, Loren Brett.

Green Horses

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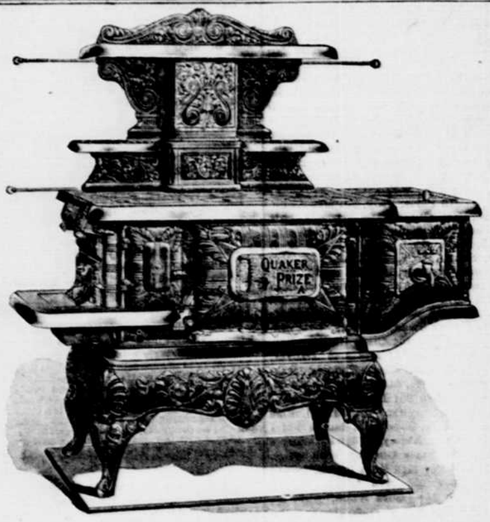

Quaker Range Contest No. 1.

A FIFTY DOLLAR CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR SOMEBODY.

THE PATRONS OF THE DEMOCRAT TO DECIDE WHO SHALL HAVE IT.

Between August 1st and December 23d, 1899, at 4 o'clock P. M., we will allow any person a score of one point for every cent paid us for subscription, advertising or job printing. These points may be voted at any time before December 23d at 4 o'clock P. M. (when the contest closes) for any person residing in Oxford County, and to the person securing the most points we will on December 25th—next Christmas—present a fifty-dollar Grand Quaker Range.

NEWSPAPER COUPONS.

A newspaper coupon counting one point will be printed in every copy of the Democrat during the contest. Save them, they may be the means of securing the prize for some friend. They can be voted at any time before the contest closes.

CERTIFICATE COUPONS.

For every cent paid us for subscription, advertising or job printing we will issue a certificate coupon, good for as many points as there are cents paid us, to the person making the payments. These coupons can also be voted at any time before the contest closes.

METHOD OF COUNTING.

Every coupon cut from the Democrat counts one point.

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No count will be made in any case until the cash has been actually paid in. This rule is iron-clad. Don't ask us to vary it.

HOW TO WIN.

Begin early before some one else engages the points.

Ask your friends to subscribe or pay their subscriptions to the Democrat and give you their coupons. Solicit their job printing and advertising for the Democrat. Save the coupons from the Democrat and ask your friends to do so. A $50 Quaker Range is worth a little effort on your part.

ATWOOD & FORBES, Publishers,
South Paris, Maine.

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The farm known as the Charles Elder farm, on Number Four Hill. Will sell, trade or let it.

NELSON G. ELDER.

South Paris, March 27.

WANTED:—A good general agent to represent the Portland Introduction Co., in Oxford County. Address PORTLAND INTRODUCTION CO., 22 Exchange Street, Portland, Me.

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My home farm of 75 acres of land, 20 in tillage and the rest in wood and pasture. One of the best pastures in Paris. Good fair buildings, with good cellars under both. A young orchard of 300 apple trees, 30 pear trees, cultivated strawberries and raspberries, grapes and plums. 200 apple clons set four years ago bore some last year, and the orchard bore the odd year. 180 cakes of ice, 22 inches square, 15 inches thick, all packed. Maple orchard. Place cuts from 20 to 25 tons of hay; have cut two crops on six acres for two years. Plowing mostly done for next year. Can mow all but a little with a machine. Is all level. School house on the farm. 1-2 miles from South Paris, in Hall district.

Or will sell the A. T. Maxim place of 160 acres, with a lot of wood and timber.

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Box 149, South Paris, Maine.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 26th day of Sept., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of Oct., A. D. 1899, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

William M., Arthur R., and Sarah D. Child, minor heirs of Homer Child, late of Peru, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Martha J. Child, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—Attest:—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

THE PUZZLER

No. 256.—A Riddle.

I am old as the world, but made yesterday. I am so heavy only Atlas can hold me. I am the choicest treasure of your grandmother, yet knocked about the street daily. I am the greatest curiosity of the present day, yet common as clay. I have an artist's pride and a connoisseur's delight, though sometimes ugly. I am densely populated, though often empty. I am a perfect contradiction to nature, yet one of her oldest children. Few who read this would desire to live in me, yet few would be without me. You must cross the ocean to me, for I cannot come to you, yet I am often on your mantel, in your closet or on your table. Do tell me what I am before I am broken.

No. 257.—What Bird?

Forbidden fruit he tried to grip
And felt at once the owner's ——.

She tried with patience to endure
The bitterness of being ——.

He heard a footstep on the sill
And knew it was his brother ——.

No. 258.—Shakespearean Double Acrostic.

My primals and finals each form a quotation from Shakespeare.

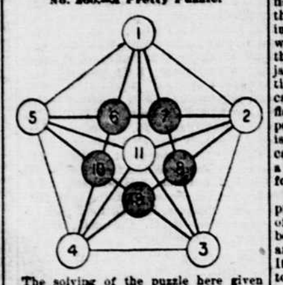
Crosswords: 1. One of Shakespeare's characters. 2. A cheer. 3. A kind of fur. 4. Fat. 5. A color. 6. Method. 7. Polish. 8. Truly. 9. A fixed star. 10. One of the metals of the platina group. 11. A South American monkey. 12. A city of France. 13. Accommodate. 14. A mural decoration. 15. Honestly. 16. Hateful. 17. Meaning. 18. The universe. 19. A famous painter.

No. 259.—Hour Glass.

1. A youth. 2. Commenced. 3. To shed. 4. A numeral. 5. A letter in farce. 6. A favorite. 7. Took notice of. 8. Blows. 9. Small pieces of wood.

The central letters read downward spell the name of a famous American college.

No. 260.—A Pretty Puzzle.



The solving of the puzzle here given involves the moving of counters along straight lines so that the light and dark counters will change places. By removing one counter to begin with and sliding the others one by one along the dark lines from circle to circle the red counters can be placed on the circles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and the white counters on circles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. There will, of course, remain one blank circle in which the counter originally removed is to be placed. Thus, leaving circle 11 blank, the first move will be to that circle, as from 1 to 11. The outer lines, the light lines, between circles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are not to be used.

No. 261.—A Few Dogs.

1. Which dog is "sulky?"
2. Which dog rises and sets with the sun?
3. Which dog is very positive?
4. Which dog is every one's month?
5. Which dog is "a settled principle?"
6. Which dog is in the books of careless scholars?
7. Which dog holds wood in the fireplace?
8. Which dog is very "low priced?"
9. Which dog makes very poor poetry?
10. Which dog is on deck every day between 4 and 6 p. m.?

No. 262.—Behead and Curtail.

Behead and curtail:

1. A city in Massachusetts and leave a beverage.
2. A city in Maine and leave near.
3. A city in Iowa and leave at a distance.
4. A city in Minnesota and leave a boy's name.
5. A city in Illinois and leave that which we breathe.
6. A city in Alabama and leave a kind of tree.
7. A city in Georgia and leave at that time.

The Dark Ages.

"Now, boys," said the teacher of the juvenile class, "who can tell me what the dark ages of the world were?"

"I can, sir," answered a little fellow at the foot of the class.

"Very well. What were they?" asked the teacher.

"The ages before spectacles were invented," was the triumphant reply.

Just as You Look at It.

"Tommy," said the teacher, "how many is the half of eight?"

"On top or sideways?" asked Tommy.

"What do you mean by on top or sideways?"

"Why, half from the top of 8 is 0, and half of it sideways is 3!"

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 248.—Johnny's Enigma: Hoosier State.

No. 249.—Concealed Proverb: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.

No. 250.—Novel Acrostic: Nightingale. 1. Schley. 2. Carpenter. 3. Grant. 4. Foote. 5. Greene.

No. 252.—A Charade: Air-castle.

No. 253.—A Metagram: 1. Letter. 2. Better. 3. Setter. 4. Fetter.

No. 254.—Word Square: 1. Coped. 2. Olive. 3. Pilot. 4. Evolve. 5. Deter.

No. 255.—Enigmatic Cities: 1. Elmira. 2. Liverpool. 3. Paris. 4. St. Louis. 5. Portland. 6. Concord. 7. Waterford. 8. Pittsburg.

BEECHAM'S PILLS for distress after eating.

"Your wife, I believe, is a strong-minded woman." "Oh, I don't know. I should rather regard her as brittle-minded." "Brittle-minded?" "Yes, she's been giving me pieces of her mind for several years."

CASTORIA

Bears the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER.

In use for more than thirty years, and

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

I see that a man named Prizibowosky is accused in Berlin of being a spy." "Oh, well, he can console himself by the thought that he never did bear a good name."

Chronic Nasal Catarrh poisons every breath that is drawn into the lungs. There is procurable from any druggist the remedy for the cure of this trouble. A small quantity of Ely's Cream Balm placed into the nostrils spreads over an inflamed and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses, heals and cures. A cold in the head vanishes immediately. Sold by druggists or will be mailed for 50 cents by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

At a recent duel, the parties discharged their pistols without effect, whereupon one of the seconds interposed, and proposed that the combatants should shake hands. To this the other second objected as unnecessary. "Their hands," said he, "have been shaking for half an hour."

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

DELICIOUS ICING FOR CAKE.

This is a subject not usually dealt with in cook books, and, if mentioned at all, the information given is, as a rule, very limited. It is well worth while studying the different kinds of icings, for the variety of dainty little sweet dishes and bonbons that can be made with their assistance (by even quite an amateur) is endless. It is astonishing how pretty the tea table may be made to look, with a dish of cakes for example, ornamented with icing of different colors and flavors; and the effects that may be produced are certainly well worth the little skill and patience that may be necessary.

The kind of icing required generally depends upon the cake that is going to be ornamented, but the most popular, and certainly the most delicious is the boiled or fondant icing. This is essentially suitable for delicate little cakes and fancy pastry, and is used a great deal in French confectionery. It will keep good for an indefinite period, so a large quantity can be made at a time if liked, and kept in a jar ready for use.

The only difficulty in making this kind of icing is in boiling the sugar, but this can easily be overcome with patience and practice; otherwise the whole process is most simple. Only a small quantity should be made to start with. Commence operations by putting into a double boiler or porcelain lined kettle 1-2 pound of good loaf sugar, a gill of water, and a pinch of cream of tartar. Let the whole dissolve slowly over a moderate fire, stirring it occasionally; then put the saucepan right over the fire, and let it boil fast; be sure, however, not to stir it, as this would make the icing rough instead of creamy. Have ready a basin of cold water, and when the syrup has been boiling for about ten minutes drop some of it into the water; if it can be taken up between the finger and thumb, and is soft without being in the slightest degree brittle, remove the saucepan at once from the fire and put it aside in a cold place. When almost cool beat it vigorously with a wooden spoon till it becomes of the consistency of "cold cream," when it is ready for use. N. B.—If the fondant, instead of going creamy, gets sugary, add a few spoonfuls of water, return the saucepan to the fire, and go through precisely the same process as before. Keep the fondant in a jar, and when required for use place this jar in a saucepan half full of boiling water, and stir until dissolved to the right consistency, when any sort of flavoring or coloring can be added. If the fondant gets too thick while it is being used return the jar to the boiling water. If at any time it should be too thin, all that is necessary is to lift the jar out of the water and beat the fondant till it is sufficiently thick. This icing can be spread over a cake with a broad, flat brush, but more often than not it is poured straight on to the surface which is to be iced, and in the case of little cakes, etc., these latter are taken up with a fork and dipped into the melted fondant when it is just at the right heat.

Water icing is very simply and easily prepared at a moment's notice. It is often used to pour over a cake that has been glazed with jam, as it dries hard and prevents one's fingers getting sticky. It is made by pouring boiling water on to icing sugar till a smooth paste is obtained, boiling it for one minute, and then beating it well with a wooden spoon, adding any coloring or flavoring desired. More brilliant results are obtained by using syrup, (boiled to the thread) to mix with the sugar, instead of water, and instead of icing sugar, some confectioners, when time is no object, use a piece of fondant, diluting it either with syrup or water.

Vienna icing is a soft icing, and is generally spread in layers inside certain kinds of cakes. Any flavoring may be used, but coffee or chocolate seems to find the greatest favor. Beat up 1-2 pound of very fresh butter to a cream, then add gradually, beating all the time, 4 ounces of the finest powdered sugar. During the process add the flavoring; if coffee, half a teacupful of the strongest that can be made, and if chocolate, a similar quantity of dissolved chocolate, and some of the powdered sugar may be replaced with grated chocolate.

ROYAL ICING.

To insure success the best quality of confectioner's sugar must be used, choosing it as fine as possible and perfectly white. Before commencing operations rub the sugar through a very fine sieve. Then put the whites of two or three eggs in a bowl, stir them around, and work in by degrees the icing sugar, adding from time to time a little lemon juice. A little cornstarch added to the sugar is a great improvement, as it reduces the sweetness, and prevents the icing from getting too hard. It is hardly possible to give any definite quantities, as the size of eggs varies so much. When the icing is perfectly and absolutely smooth, and will spread without running, it is fit for use. It must be beaten the whole time very vigorously till it becomes quite white and very light. A certain criterion of its lightness is its rising to double the original quantity. The icing may then be colored or flavored, and should be used immediately. If for a large cake, heap on the middle of it what you may think sufficient for the top, and with a palette knife, dipped every now and then in a jug of cold water, spread the icing evenly all over; with what is over ice the sides of the cake, working from the bottom upwards. If the icing is intended for little cakes, cook the cake in one big flat pan, then ice it, and cut the cakes out afterwards into fancy shapes, and ornament with glace cherries, etc., in the usual manner. —McCall's Magazine.

FOR WOMEN WHO STOOP.

A stoop has many causes. There is the student's stoop, brought on by poring over books; the writer's stoop, brought about by bending over a desk, and short and weak sight causes a disposition to round shoulders. Again, a weakness of the system often brings about this state of things, in which case a physician should be consulted. Ordinary cases are benefited should the victims sleep with only one small flat pillow; walk straight, hold the head erect, and expand the chest, keeping the eyes on a level with people's faces, and not dropped in the dust. Women should, as a gymnastic exercise walk about the room with a book balanced on the head, and read from a book that is open on a bracket on the wall slightly above the head, so that the chin must be held well up to see the lines. Children who are observed developing short sight should have their eyes examined at once.

CLEANING CARPETS AND RUGS.

Those who have heavy brussels or moquette carpets, often find it convenient to clean them without taking them from the floor, and this can be very easily and satisfactorily done. Tear some old newspapers into small pieces, soak them in water, then roll them between the hands until they form soft little balls. Scatter them thickly over the carpet, then give it a thorough sweeping with a good broom. The paper will collect the dust and keep it from flying about. Prepare a cleansing mixture by dissolving two bars of white soap in half a gallon of hot water, and adding four ounces of borax. Add enough of this mixture to a pan of warm water to make a strong suds, and scrub the carpet with it, using a brush and taking only a small place at a time, just as you would scrub a floor. When the place you are washing is clean, wipe it with a soft rag wrung out of clear water, and proceed in this way until you have gone over the entire carpet. If only a small portion is soiled, this may be washed, and the remainder left as it is. Borax is a great help in cleaning the carpet, and does not injure the colors. When the work is done, open the windows and doors and let the air have free access so it will dry quickly. Rugs may be fastened to a board or table by tacking them down at the corners, and cleaned in the same way.

To clean chamois, soak the soiled leathers in a mixture of lukewarm water and household ammonia; after ten minutes wring them out quickly, and wash them briskly in a soft soap lather. Rinse in a fresh ammonia mixture, wring out carefully, pull into shape, and dry them in the shade. Treated in this manner, the leather will remain as soft as if it was new.

THE RETURN OF THE SPANISH SOLDIERS.

It will be remembered that the surrendered soldiers and sailors in Cuba were taken back to Spain by Spanish ships and Spanish contractors. In the last issue of the Anglo-Saxon Magazine Miss Eleanor Bevan, an eye witness, tells of the arrival of a shipload of "repatriados" at the port of Malaga, and from her description of the scene we quote as follows:

"A great silent crowd, driven back from the mole and held in check by soldiers, lined either side of the street through which the soldiers passed, men and women aghast and speechless, stricken dumb at the appearance of the troops. Tottering, reeling, swaying, supporting one another, passed a ghostly spectral troop of human beings; famine incarnate, with ashen gray faces, pinched and forlorn; gaunt skeleton forms scarce covered with filthy rags, with the remains of blankets wrapped around their stooping shoulders and hollow chests; the more fortunate with grass sandals tied on their feet and tattered crowns of straw hats upon their heads; other wounded heads had pieces of dirty canvas wrapped around them as bandages. The condition of the ship the troops came in was horrible, sickening, indescribable. Even the accounts published here—where the censorship is so strict—are unfit to be repeated."

Miss Bevan saw one poor wretch sink down sobbing and gasping by the wayside. A woman lifted the boy's head to her shoulder, saying "What's the matter, son?" Forlornly sobbing he replied: "I'm hungry—hungry!" A cake peddler stepped from the crowd and commenced to feed the boy as one would a bird and then the line of troops caught sight of his tray and rushed for it like starving beasts. None of them had eaten for ninety-six hours, and when told of this an ominous howl burst from the crowd. Just at this moment an officer passed with his wife and he ordered the crowd out of the way. The woman kneeling with the boy saw the pair, and, advancing her head like a snake over the the prostrate head resting on her shoulder, with gleaming eyes and bared teeth, her voice rising to a harsh scream, she cried threateningly: "Woman! Look at that woman! Look at her jewelry, bracelets and rings! Look at her cursed fat body, and look at this boy!"—tearing open his shirt and showing his naked skeleton form. The officer fled with his wife, followed by the cries of the now frantic crowd.

On the way across the sea the soldiers had nothing to eat but a daily mess of boiled rice, and that without salt. They had no cups to drink from and were compelled to suck water through a rubber tube inserted in a barrel. The English and American sojourners in Spain who witnessed their deplorable plight at once raised money and distributed food, medicine and clothing among them. But in three weeks the Spanish authorities put a stop to this charity, saying it was galling to Spanish pride. And yet the Spanish authorities visited no retribution upon the Spanish contractors who had taken enough American gold to care for each soldier properly.

CLEVER PIECE OF ACTING.

HOW THE GIRL WHO WAS BEING HAZED TURNED THE TABLES ON THE HAZERS.

The girl of my heart came home to attend a cousin's wedding recently, and she stayed in town for two days before going back to school for the commencement which will make her a sophomore. It wouldn't be fair to tell the name of her school, but it's a very excellent one, where the fashions of the men's colleges are followed, even to the possession of a college yell, and the practicing of hazing.

The girl of my heart was hazed last fall. She did not faint when the girls touched her arms with a bit of ice, and said they were branding her with an iron. She endured every ordeal so smilingly that the girls at last determined to do something dreadful.

They marched her through dark halls, blindfolded as she was, opened a closet door in a physical laboratory, snatched the bandage from her eyes, pushed her in, locked the door and left her in the arms of a skeleton.

Now, a skeleton to her is no more terrifying than a hoopskirt, but she saw an opportunity to amuse herself. She is one of the cleverest amateur actresses Washington possesses. She let down her hair and tangled it about her face. Her gown was an old one, so she sacrificed it and tore it to tatters. Then she waited. Presently she heard the girls returning. She began to croon softly to herself a weird song. The girls opened the door. She took no notice of them, but went on lavishing kisses on the grinning skull, laughing idiotically to herself the while. Finally one of them whispered:

"Girls, she's raving mad!"

That was the cue for the girl of my heart. She raved; she tore her hair; she shrieked when they tried to draw her away from the skeleton; she laughed; she flung herself about; and finally danced out into the outer room, moaning in a blood-curdling way. The girls dared not even breathe. They were ghastly. They clung to each other and shuddered. The girl of my heart danced to the door, caught up a knife from a table, waved it with a hideous scream, and sprang at them. Then, as they huddled together in a perfect agony of fright, she dropped the knife and opened the door.

"Well, girls," she said, drawlingly, "I hope you've enjoyed the fun. I'm sure I have."

Then she disappeared, and a dozen crestfallen girls, too frightened to dare to go into hysterics, too much relieved to be angry, stole quietly away. They are clever girls, the girls at that college, but the girl of my heart is bellwether of the flock.—Washington Post.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

There was not a public library in the United States.

Almost all of the furniture was imported from England.

An old copper mine in Connecticut was used as a prison.

Every gentleman wore a queue and powdered his hair.

There was only one hat factory, and that made cocked hats.

Crockery plates were objected to because they dulled the knives.

Virginia contained a fifth of the population of the country.

A man who jeered at the preacher or criticised the sermon was fined.

A gentleman bowing to a lady always scraped his foot on the ground.

Two stage coaches bore all the travel between New York and Boston.

When a man had enough tea, he placed his spoon across his cup to indicate that he wanted no more.

"That young Perkins who comes to see you owes $40 to the laundry and $15 to the barber shop." "Well, papa, he deserves credit for trying to look like a gentleman."

Terrible plagues, those itching, pestering diseases of the skin. Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment cures. At any drug store.

An Editor's Luck. Society Reporter: "Mrs. Skihigh complains that the picture we printed does not look a bit like her." Editor: "That's lucky. We can use it for some one else then."

Diphtheria, sore throat, croup. Instant relief, permanent cure. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. At any drug store.

"Gur-rule are niver satisfied," mused the janitor philosopher. "Whin they are in short skirts they are crying fer long ones, an' when they git long wans they have to hold thim-up."

"Now good digestion waits on appetite, and health on both."

If it doesn't, try Burdock Blood Bitters.

Unlike Some Other Occupations—Golfer: "Don't you ever get tired of farming?" The Farmer—"Tain't no use of gettin' tired of it, young man. Farmin' ain't no fad!"

No need to fear sudden attacks of cholera infantum, dysentery, diarrhœa, summer complaint of any sort if you have Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in the medicine chest.

When a woman doesn't take any interest in her housework—
When the least exertion tires her—
When her back aches constantly—her head troubles her—limbs pain, and she feels generally miserable, it's a pretty sure indication that her kidneys are not doing their duty.
That backache is simply kidney ache—
The poison the kidneys should take out of the blood is left in, and is breeding all sorts of dire diseases—
But you can stop it—

Doan's Kidney Pills

Act directly on the kidneys—strengthen them, help them to do their duty.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND ROAD BILLS.

September Term, 1899.

COUNTY OF OXFORD To GEO. W. RIDLON, Dr.

1899.	
June 2, 3, to 2 days alteration Swain's Notch,	$ 5 00
To 60 miles travel as above,	4 80
June 19, 20, to 2 days hearing at Lovell, petition J. L. Parker et al,	5 00
To 65 miles travel as above,	5 28
June 21, 22, to 2 days hearing at Bethel, petition B. W. Kimball,	5 00
To 40 miles travel as above,	3 20
June 27, to 1 day at Paris making taxes,	2 50
To 18 miles travel as above,	1 44
July 11, to 1 day at Paris adjourned session,	2 50
To 18 miles travel as above,	1 44
Aug. 8, 1 day at adjourned session,	2 50
To 18 miles travel as above,	1 44
Sept. 5, 6, 7, to 3 days regular session at Paris,	7 50
To 18 miles travel as above,	1 44
	$49 04

Paris, Sept. 7th, 1899. GEO. W. RIDLON.

COUNTY OF OXFORD To JOHN M. PHILBROOK, Dr.

1899.	
June 1, 2, 3, to 3 days at Rumford on petition of John A. Decker et als,	$ 7 50
To 56 miles,	4 48
June 6, 7, to 2 days on Lake trip,	5 00
To 62 miles,	4 96
June 20, 21, to 2 days on petition of J. L. Parker et als,	5 00
To 60 miles,	4 00
June 22, to 1 day on petition of B. W. Kimball et als,	2 50
To 12 miles,	96
June 27, 28, to 2 days viewing Carry road,	5 00
To 86 miles,	6 88
July 11, to 1 day at Paris adjourned session,	2 50
To 46 miles,	3 68
Aug. 8, to 1 day at Paris,	2 50
To 46 miles,	3 68
Aug. 9, expenses to Auburn convention, hotel bills,	3 50
To 100 miles,	8 00
Sept. 5, 6, 7, to 3 days at Paris,	7 50
To 46 miles,	3 68
	$ 81 32

South Paris, Sept. 7, 1899. JOHN M. PHILBROOK.

COUNTY OF OXFORD To JONATHAN BARTLETT, Dr.

1899.	
June 1, 2, 3, to 3 days at Rumford on petition of John A. Decker et als,	$ 7 50
To 100 miles travel for same,	8 00
June 5, 6, 7, 8, to 4 days inspecting roads in unincorporated townships,	10 00
To 125 miles travel for same,	10 00
June 19, 20, to 2 days at Lovell on petition of J. L. Parker et als,	5 00
To 25 miles travel for same,	2 00
June 21, 22, 23, to 3 days at Bethel on petition of B. W. Kimball et als,	7 50
To 60 miles travel for same,	4 80
July 11, to 1 day at Paris adjourned session,	2 50
To 40 miles travel for same,	3 20
Aug. 8, to 2 days at Paris adjourned session,	5 00
To 40 miles travel for same,	3 20
Sept. 5, 6, 7, to 3 days at Paris regular session,	7 50
To 40 miles travel for same,	3 20
	$ 79 40

South Paris, Sept. 7, 1899. JONATHAN BARTLETT.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss. Sept. 7, 1899.

Personally appeared the above named Geo. W. Ridlon, John M. Philbrook and Jonathan Bartlett and severally made oath that the foregoing accounts by them subscribed are true.

Before me,
CHARLES F. WHITMAN,
Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

Having audited and examined the foregoing accounts, we certify that we allow thereon the following sums respectively:

To Geo. W. Ridlon,	$ 49 04
To John M. Philbrook,	81 32
To Jonathan Bartlett,	79 40

JOHN S. HARLOW, County Attorney.
CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk S. J. Court.
A true copy—attest:
CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk S. J. Court.

State of Maine.

OXFORD, ss. Clerk's Office, Supreme Judicial Court, South Paris, Sept. 2, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of Henry H. Hastings, Esq., of Bethel, in said County of Oxford, to apply for admission to practice law in the Judicial Courts of this State at the October Term, A. D. 1899, of said court for said county.

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18	Ophthalmia, Weak or Inflamed Eyes	.25
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21	Asthma, Difficult Breathing.....	.25
22	Ear Discharge, Earache.....	.25
23	Scrofula, Swellings and Ulcers.....	.25
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25	Dropsy, Fluid Accumulations.....	.25
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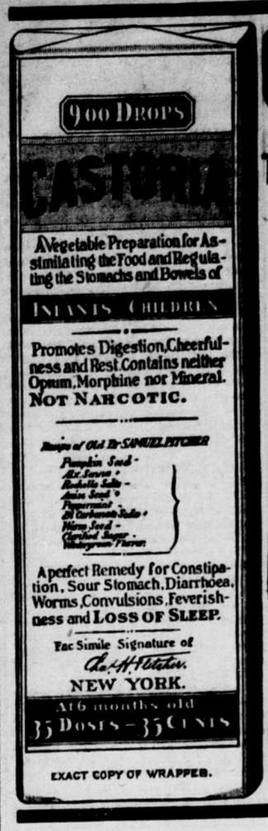

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